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Labour in new disarray over defence stance

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

The Labour Party was in new disarray over defence yesterday as Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, was assailed by senior Labour figures for highlighting his objections to unilateralism and a Shadow Cabinet adviser was dismissed for criticizing the party's policy.

And Dr John Gilbert, a former Labour defence Minister, last night intensified the row by saying that Labour's policy was going to be "a burden, almost an albatross round our necks at the election".

He went on: "What Jim has done is extremely valuable. He will have helped to convince people that the moderates are alive and kicking and that we have not yet been taken over by the extremist left nor silenced by the extremist left."

Mr Callaghan was involved in a stand-up row in the Commons tea-room with Mr John Prescott, Labour's chief employment spokesman, after his speech attacking the party's unilateralist stance, and he also faced criticism from Mr Denis Healey, the Shadow Foreign Secretary.

The Shadow Cabinet researcher Mr Richard Heller, who worked for Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, was forced to resign after writing an article in *The Times* criticizing the defence policy.

Meanwhile the latest public opinion poll showed the Conservatives extending their lead over Labour.

In the Commons Mr Neil Kinnock was taunted by Tories as he refused to be drawn into exchanges on defence

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policy and instead attempted a diversionary exercise harrying the Prime Minister on the balance of payments deficit.

The angry lunchtime confrontation between Mr Callaghan and Mr Prescott was being described graphically and with delight by Conservative MPs.

According to those who witnessed it Mr Prescott strode up to Mr Callaghan and said: "You have done it again. Two elections in a row. You have snookered us again."

Mr Callaghan was reported to have replied: "If you had listened to me on defence you would not be where you are now."

Mr Prescott is then said to countered: "Have you not heard about the election?" To which Mr Callaghan replied: "I am not arguing with you, Prescott."

A furious Mr Prescott, on his way out, is reported to have shouted: "You are leading us like bloody lambs to the slaughter."

Mr Healey's contribution to the row over Mr Callaghan's Commons speech, in which he said that Britain should not give up the Trident missile system "for nothing", came in a walkabout at the Truro by-election.

Mr Healey who once used to share Mr Callaghan's anti-unilateralist views, told a local voter that Mr Callaghan's intervention had done "a lot of harm".

When asked to amplify his remarks, Mr Healey at first denied making them until a recording was played back to him. He then claimed that the fuss would all be over in 12 hours.

Mr Heller, a former assistant to Mr Healey, who had been working recently for Mr Kaufman, yesterday left his job "by mutual agreement".

His article in *The Times* yesterday, clearly presented at his request as a "personal view", had warned that Labour's defence policy and posture were continuing to harm its electoral prospects.

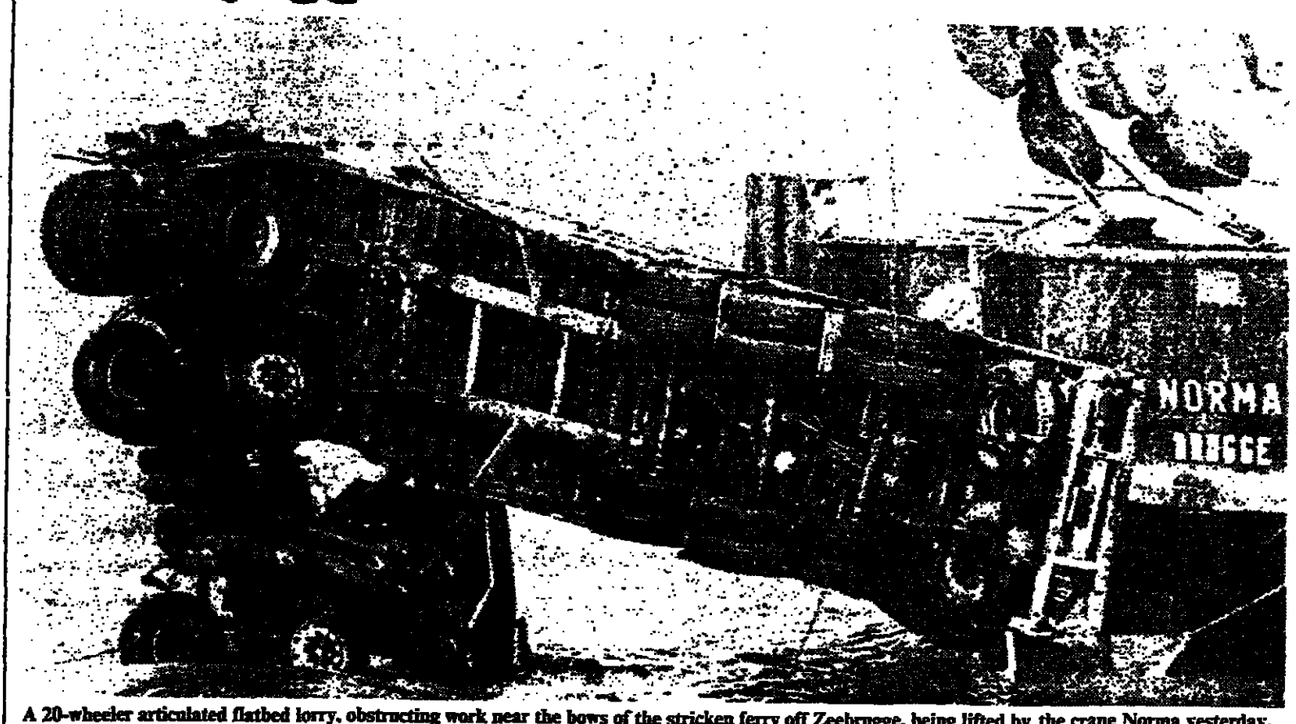
A spokesman for Mr Kaufman said yesterday that he disagreed with the article. The spokesman added: "Mr Heller never consulted Mr Kaufman about the article, nor even gave advance notice to him that the article was to appear."

Mr Heller said in his article that Labour was asking Britain to accept the possibility of a "stinking row" with the United States. "Above all, Labour is asking the country to abandon 40 years of defence policy, and to accept defence propositions never applied by any British Government, Conservative or Labour, or by any Chiefs of Staff".

The NOP poll in *The London Evening Standard* showed the Conservatives five points in the lead on 39 per cent to Labour's 34 and the Alliance on 25.

The poll also showed that Mr Kinnock's personal popularity rating has slumped from 34 per cent in February to 28 per cent now.

First juggernaut lifted from the wreck



A 20-wheeler articulated flatbed lorry, obstructing work near the bows of the stricken ferry off Zeebrugge, being lifted by the crane Norma yesterday.

Two young survivors kept in Belgium

By Thomson Prentice and Mark Ellis

A four-month-old English baby, the youngest injured survivor of the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry disaster, owes her life to the quick thinking of her father and the skill of her doctors.

Tiny Kerry Mason was carried to safety "cat-like" in the teeth of her father, Stan Mason, aged 23, a soldier from Wigan, Lancashire, after suffering a fractured skull when the ferry capsized on Friday night.

Doctors feared she had suffered brain damage. Tests, however, showed her condition was less serious and yesterday she was transferred from intensive care to a children's ward at the San Jan Hospital in Brugge.

Kerry slipped from her father's grasp so he grabbed her by the arm in his teeth and climbed over tables and chairs to escape from the ship. Mr Mason is now wheelchair-bound with spinal injuries.

The only other survivor to remain in the Belgium hospital is Nichola Simpson, the 14-year-old who remains on the critical list.

The girl's heart had stopped functioning and her body temperature was 15 degrees centigrade below normal and far under the accepted survival threshold.

"We are all amazed that she is still alive," Dr Geert Fransen, the head of the team of surgeons said. "Many times during that first night we were convinced that she would never make it."

Nichola will be in intensive care for another three weeks and it will be many days before she is strong enough to be told that her mother died in the wreck.

Families advised not to see ferry bodies

By Richard Owen and Brian James

The Belgian authorities, with the agreement of Townsend Thoresen and the families of the victims of Friday's ferry disaster, yesterday banned visual identification of bodies which have still to be removed from the wreck.

The decomposed state of the bodies after four days or more underwater would cause unbearable suffering and distress to relatives, officials said.

Belgian medical sources and Townsend Thoresen officials said any bodies removed from the wreck as salvage work progressed would from now on have to be identified "by other scientific means."

Mr Peter Ford, chairman of Townsend Thoresen, said doctors and psychiatrists had ruled that it was "strongly inadvisable" for relatives to see the bodies, and members of the families of those still missing had agreed.

About 60 to 70 such relatives are still in Zeebrugge, and are consulted by Townsend Thoresen at least twice a day. Mr Ford said it would be far too upsetting for them to see the dead, and it would be better to remember them as they were when they were alive.

Mr Ford said Townsend Thoresen would consider registering the names of all passengers in future ferry sailings in the light of the disaster.

He said that ferry companies, unlike airlines, had no way of knowing the names of those on board their ships any more than railways knew the names of those on trains. Even the customary head count on a ferry was "not an exact science.

"The difficulty is there could be several people in the back of a van or in the driving cab for all we know."

Even at this stage it was impossible to give a complete list of those still missing, and passengers from as far afield as Turkey, Romania and Poland

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as well as Holland and West Germany, were still reporting in. They had simply walked away into the night after the disaster. The majority of passengers, however, were British.

It is becoming clear that many of those believed to be missing may never be identified. Mr Ford said divers were no longer attempting to remove bodies because of the danger to their own lives and the hazards of working amid falling debris and smashed cargoes in pitch darkness.

It would be dangerous, he said, to operate in the passenger lounges and crew accommodation on the submerged B and C decks where most of the missing bodies are thought to be.

"In this unhappy situation it makes no sense to risk divers' lives further", he said. "They are already taking more risks than I would wish."

Specially equipped barges which will play a crucial role in the salvage operation leave Rotterdam today and according to Smit Tak, the Dutch salvage company, will be in place tomorrow.

Smit Tak emphasized, however, that even given good weather it could be three weeks before the vessel is righted. Experts say that in that time bodies will become totally unrecognizable by visual means.

Fifty-three bodies have been recovered since tragedy struck on Friday. Thirty-four of these – all British – have been identified and were yesterday taken back to England.

But 19 recovered bodies are still unidentified, and a further 81 are presumed to be inside the ferry, although some bodies may have drifted out to sea after people had jumped in desperation into the icy waters and not been found in time.

No further bodies were found in yesterday's operations, although Mr Ford said that no effort would be spared to find more if possible. He said the weather was being "fairly kind" and the salvage was proceeding smoothly.

Yesterday, Smit Tak lifted a 20-wheel articulated flatbed lorry with the British registration C82 RMP out of the water, where it was obstructing work near the bows of the wreck.

It is believed that this lorry had been carrying drums

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Prolonged briefing saved soldiers

By David Cross

A large group of British soldiers and their families from the Queen's Lancashire Regiment escaped the ferry disaster by minutes because a military briefing went on too long and delayed their departure from their base at Paderborn in West Germany.

An Army spokesman at the regiment's headquarters in Preston, Lancashire, disclosed last night that even though many of them rushed to catch the 7 pm sailing from Zeebrugge they arrived after the ferry had just sailed.

All but one of the 450 or so military personnel who attended the briefing had been traced, he said. "We have had lots of calls from soldiers saying 'There but for the grace of God go I'. There would have been lots more of them on board if the commanding officer had not ordered the routine briefing."

The spokesman added that of 53 military personnel and their families who had survived the disaster, ten had come from the Queen's Lancashire Regiment. Five of them were soldiers, including Lance-Corporal Stan Mason, aged 23, of Wigan, who carried his four-month-old daughter Kerry to safety in his teeth. Two of the others were wives, and there was one girlfriend and another child.

Lance-Corporal Mason's wife Katherine was still missing, together with a soldier who has thought to have been on board the ferry.

INSIDE

Inspectors investigate bid leaks

Department of Trade and Industry inspectors investigating possible insider dealing by civil servants have studied evidence that price-sensitive information on at least three takeovers – Norton Opax's bid for McCorquodale, GEC's Plessey bid, and Hillsdown's bid for S&W Berisford – was leaked by a civil servant to people who dealt on the information Page 19

Paper order

The South African Supreme Court ordered police not to seize copies of a Johannesburg newspaper that carried an advertisement publicizing the plight of people detained without trial Page 8

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Shares jump

Hopes that base rates could soon fall below 10 per cent, for the first time since 1984, sent shares and government stocks sharply higher Page 19

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Cup absentee

Burrough Hill Lad, the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, will miss next week's running, his trainer, Jenny Pitman, said Page 36

Ban goes on

Uefa, the European Football Union, voted in Berne to continue the ban on English clubs from European competition for at least another year Page 36

Portfolio Gold

- The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition was won by Mr A.W.Taylor, of Ewell, Surrey. Details, page 3.
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Clean-up demand after Westland

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government was yesterday urged to take fresh and urgent action to clean up the City by a Commons select committee that has been investigating the Westland "debacle".

The Tory-controlled Trade and Industry committee said that the Government must legislate to prevent unidentified individuals, acting in concert, from secretly building up critical shareholdings in companies like Westland.

The committee had no proof, but it strongly suspected that an illegal "concert party" had operated in the run-up to the crucial Westland shareholders' meeting last year which opted for the American rescue bid rather than the European package backed by Mr Michael Heseltine.

The report also rebuked the Government for its handling of the affair, expressing the "deepest concern" at the lack of co-ordination on a major policy matter between the Department of Trade, the sponsoring department, and the Ministry of Defence, the customer department.

And it condemned Mr Alan Bristow, the helicopter entrepreneur who caused a furore by alleging that two peers had offered him a knighthood and a substantial profit on his Westland shares if he dropped his support for the European bid.

The committee said it attached little "credence" to any uncorroborated evidence offered by Mr Bristow.

In calling for legislation to prevent "concert parties", the committee came close to endorsing the policy of the Labour party which, in a document on the City launched last week, said it would enforce disclosure of nominee shareholdings by banning their trade and freezing dividends

In the case of Westland nearly 21 per cent of the company's shares were purchased at nearly double their value and at a critical time by five foreign "front" companies.

Existing law prevented Westland from cancelling the shares in time for the shareholders' meeting.

The Defence select committee has already produced a damning report on other aspects of the Westland affair.

Second Report of the Trade and Industry Committee: Westland PLC. HMSO £10.40.

Prince will meet heroes of rescue

The Prince of Wales will meet members of the Belgian rescue services who went to the aid of the stricken ferry when he visits Zeebrugge today (Alan Hamilton writes).

The Prince, who is fulfilling a long-standing engagement to tour the headquarters of the European Community and Nato, will also meet the King of the Belgians and the Prime Minister, Mr Wilfried Marteus.

- The Duchess of York is sending a toy truck to Martin Hartley, aged eight, the boy from Cotmanhey, near Ilkeston, in Derbyshire, who lost his parents and his grandparents in the disaster.

Good weather vital to salvage plan

By Brian James

The calm spell of weather, which yesterday bathed the capsized ferry Herald of Free Enterprise in brief cold sunshine, is expected to last until Sunday, according to Belgium's shipping weather forecast bureau.

Good weather is vital to the plan outlined in detail in Zeebrugge yesterday for salvaging the ferry and recovering the 81 bodies thought to be entombed within it. It is a task that will occupy 100 divers, welders, fitters and seamen and will cost at least £3 million.

Earlier intentions to recover all bodies first and then start salvaging the vessel have now been abandoned, Mr Mike Ridley, marine supervisor of Townsend Thoresen, said.

The three decks where the passengers and crew are thought to have drowned have become vertical segments stretching the width of the vessel, rather like pit shafts broken up by partitions and seating. The bottom of each has become filled with debris which is still crashing down.

"There is no safe way to proceed in these circumstances. So we can no longer be optimistic about recovering bodies before the ship is upright." Mr Ridley said.

Mr Hans Walenkamb, head of the salvage team of Smit and Tak, explained how the ferry would be raised. "It is impossible to work safely when the ship is at a 100 degrees angle."

The four-company consortium, under Mr Walenkamb's direction, will move into position before tomorrow morning two huge floating platforms which provide the base for a special hydraulic pulling system.

Experts, in committee almost continuously for the past

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Haughey in by one vote

Mr Charles Haughey was elected Taoiseach of the Irish Republic yesterday by the casting vote of the chairman in the Dail.

The vote for Mr Haughey, who was proposed by his party Fianna Fail, was 82 in favour and 82 against.

After the chairman, Mr Sean Tracy, an independent put forward for the office by Fianna Fail, passed his vote, Mr Haughey left the chamber to receive his seal of office from President Hillery.

Mr Haughey's election was made possible by the abstention of the independent Dublin left-winger Mr Tony Gregory.

Later last night he named his new Cabinet.

Treasure trove of songs for Broadway

From Charles Bremner
New York

A stunning collection of previously unknown or lost songs by George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers and other great composers has been identified among scores that lay for decades in a warehouse in New Jersey, just a few miles from Broadway.

"A discovery of this dimension is just unbelievable, unique in American music, or world music for that matter," Mr Wiley Hitchcock, the director of the Institute for Studies in American Music, said after the inventory of hundreds of scores was made public yesterday.

The 80 crates of music were brought to a Manhattan vault in 1982 when a music researcher, Mr Robert Kimball, discovered them in the Warner Brothers' warehouse.

Mr Kimball's team began drawing up the inventory of the treasure trove in 1985. Legal wrangling over copyright, particularly over hundreds of Kern songs, delayed news of the find until it was broken by *The New York Times* yesterday.

"The first envelope I opened, which had 'Cole Porter' written on it, had songs I'd never heard of – and I'm a Cole Porter scholar and biographer," Mr Kimball said

The find includes: about 70 lost songs by Gershwin, many of them with lyrics by his brother Ira, as well as the missing original scores and parts to his musicals *Primrose* (1924) and *Pardon my English* (1933).

The manuscript scores for Kern's "Ol' Man River" and "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man," as well as more than 175 unpublished songs by Kern, including 30 minutes of music from *Showboat* cut from the original work and complete scores from several of Kern's shows, among them *Leave it to Jane* (1917), *Sweet Adeline* (1929) and *The Cat and the Fiddle* (1931); 30 Cole Porter manuscripts; many Rodgers and Hart holographs and the long-lost piano score to *Peggy-Ann*, considered by the composer to be the team's best musical of the 1920s.

There are also manuscripts by Vincent Youmans, Victor Herbert, Sigmund Romberg and other great figures in the early history of the musical.

A spokesman for Warner Communications said much of the material from the warehouse find had already been given away to universities and institutions. "Only the Kern material is left. The question is who owns it?"

Warner Communications are now in dispute with Kern's daughter, Mrs Betty Kern Miller, over the fate of her father's manuscripts.

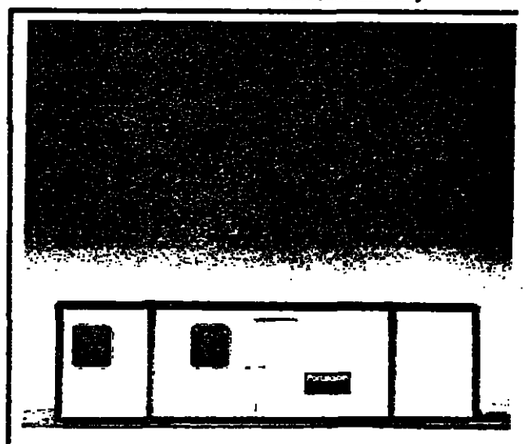
Vatican rejects test-tube baby morality

The Vatican yesterday approved a statement that rejected the morality of test-tube baby techniques in overcoming infertility.

The statement condemned all experiments with fertilized embryos and denied that infertile couples had a right to a child. It called for the prohibition of such practices and commended passive resistance when it came within the law.

Cardinal Hume of Westminster welcomed the statement.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Members seize union offices

About 20 members of the London Press branch of the EETPU, the electricians' union, occupied its headquarters last night after an unsuccessful attempt to meet Mr Eric Hammond, the general secretary.

They spent the night in the canteen of the EETPU offices in Bromley, Kent, after a delegation of 67 electricians made redundant last week by News International moved into the building on Monday.

The men worked at the plants at Grays Inn Road and Bouverie Street in Central London where News International's four titles were produced before being transferred to Wapping.

The union, which is seeking an injunction to have the men removed, said it would not bow to pressure from members who wanted to see Mr Hammond without an appointment. Mr Hammond had originally agreed to meet the delegation later this week. He was not available for comment last night.

Teachers pledge

The Labour Party's £6 billion job creation plan, to be unveiled today, will include massive increases in the number of teachers, Mr Giles Radice, the party's education spokesman, said yesterday.

At least £60 million will be spent on nursery school teachers and far more, yet to be costed, on teaching jobs to reduce classes to a maximum of 30 pupils.

There will be a means-tested grant for all 16 year-olds in education or training and a nationally fixed core curriculum for pupils aged 14 to 15.

Tebbit clash

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, launched an attack on Mr David Steel yesterday and said he wanted "to have it out" with the Liberal leader.

His remarks followed accusations from Mr Steel, in Truro for the by-election campaign, that lies, smears and innuendo were Mr Tebbit's stock in trade.

Mr Tebbit, due in Truro today, challenged Mr Steel to a public debate before polling tomorrow. The Alliance said a formal invitation was wanted.

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White-collar merger

Two white-collar unions, Astms and Tass, are planning to merge, creating the largest organization of its type in the world, it was announced yesterday. They are now to approach the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff about a further merger.

Mr Clive Jenkins, Astms general secretary, and Mr Ken Gill, his opposite number at Tass said yesterday that the unions had been making strides recently in recruiting members employed in new technology industries.

Mr Jenkins said the new organization could be called First, for Finance, industry, research, science and technology.

Damages for actor



Stewart Granger, the actor, won substantial undisclosed libel damages and an apology in the High Court, London, yesterday over an allegation in a book that fellow actor Richard Burton had seduced Mr Granger's second wife, Jean Simmons, the actress.

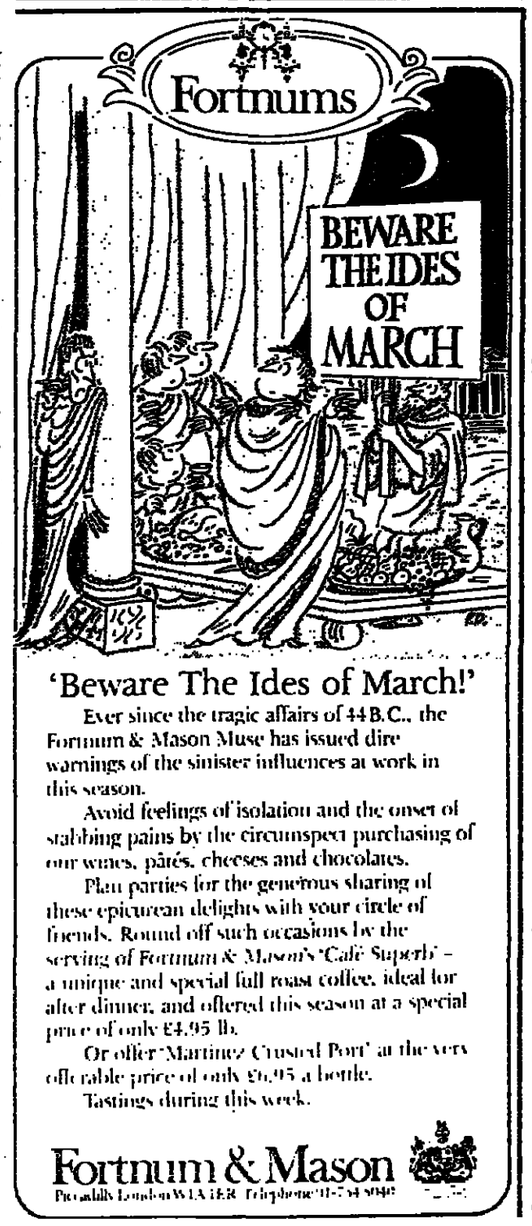
Mr Granger, aged 73, of California, had sued the author, Penny Junor, and publishers of the book, Sidgwick & Jackson. Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, for Mr Granger, said they had apologized and had agreed to pay damages and legal costs.

Protection for rape victims

A proposal to give rape victims greater protection from the moment the crime is reported rather than the time a charge is made was unanimously approved by MPs yesterday. Members of the standing committee investigating the Criminal Justice Bill also agreed to remove the right to anonymity of a defendant in a rape trial.

In the wake of the Ealing rape case, the Press Council had urged the Government to extend its proposed protection to any material that could help identify rape victims. The clause approved yesterday prohibits publication only of her name, address and photograph.

However Mr David Mellor, Minister of State the Home Office, argued that wider restrictions, such as prohibiting mention of the locality of the rape, could hamper police.



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'Ferry crew members sacrificed their own lives to rescue many others'



Captain Lewry, whose lung was punctured, being transferred at Ostend to the aircraft that flew him to Britain yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Storm at 'tasteless' remark by Ridley

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday found herself caught up in a storm over a tasteless remark by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, about the ferry disaster and was obliged to resist Commons demands for his resignation.

Mr Ridley angered his colleagues when, at a London press conference to announce the Government's plans for the countryside, he turned to Mr William Waldegrave, one of his deputies, and spoke of his role in the Broads Bill going through Parliament. He said Mr Waldegrave was the architect of the Bill, which was going full steam ahead.

He continued: "Although he is pilot of the Bill, he has not got his bow doors open".

There were protests as reports of Mr Ridley's words appeared. Mr John Prescott, Labour's employment spokesman who is sponsored by the National Union of Seamen, demanded Mr Ridley's resignation.

"Whatever way the remark was made it is quite deplorable against the background of the deaths of many members of my union as well as the public in this terrible disaster."

Two Conservative MPs, Mr Barry Porter and Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, called the remark "incredibly tasteless" and "tasteless and obscene".

Mr Ridley quickly apologized in a statement for what he described as "inappropriate, inopportune and insensitive remarks". He continued: "I deeply regret this inadvertent error and apologize unreservedly. I am only too well aware of the personal grief involved in such tragedies as the recent ferry disaster."

During Commons question time, Mr Kevin McNamara, Labour MP for Hull North, called for Mrs Thatcher to dismiss Mr Ridley.

She declined, saying it was the custom of the House that when an unreserved apology was made to accept it.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday warmly thanked the Belgian people for the rescue operation mounted after ferry disaster and for the countless acts of personal heroism.

In a letter to Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian prime minister, she said that the standards of medical and humanitarian care provided could not have been bettered. The speed of the rescue response saved many lives and prevented an even worse tragedy.

Ferry captain is flown back as crew tells of rescue saga

By David Cross

Captain David Lewry, the badly injured master of the stricken Herald of Free Enterprise, was flown back to Britain yesterday accompanied by his wife Patricia.

Captain Lewry, aged 46, of Sandwich, Kent, who was in intensive care with a punctured lung, was flown from Belgium to RAF Manston, near Ramsgate, in a chartered Cessna.

He was helped off the aircraft by a medical team and transferred to an RAF Land-Rover ambulance to be taken to a local hospital.

Surviving crew members said yesterday that their shipmates on board the Herald of Free Enterprise sacrificed their life to save passengers trapped aboard the ferry.

For the first three hours after the it capsized, uninjured crew members, both men and women, worked in the icy water inside the ferry and on the hull to save hundreds of passengers, they said.

"Several crew members who could have saved themselves lost their lives because they stayed too long in the cold water after rescuing many people," Mr Ken Hollingsbee, aged 37, a steward, said.

Four of the 42 surviving crew members said in Dover yesterday that they were unhappy that the crew's crucial role in the rescue had been almost totally ignored in the aftermath of the disaster.

Mr Tom Wilson, aged 37, quartermaster, said the crew had performed "brilliantly", working non-stop for three hours to save passengers.

Another of the survivors, Cheryl Taylor, aged 14, was welcomed back to school yesterday by a reception committee of friends at Monks Walk Secondary School, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

But her return was tinged with the sadness of knowing that her best friend, Nicola Simpson, also aged 14, was still lying ill in a Belgian hospital recovering from a heart attack.

Cheryl described how she had tried to rescue Nicola from the icy water in the ferry's restaurant.

"I was holding on to Nicola across the table. She was going further and further back. I had her by her arms and she was trying to climb up. But people were falling past us and she was knocked from my grasp," she said.

Her classmates have recorded tape messages and her favourite pop song to send to Nicola in her hospital bed.

Martin Hartley, aged eight, from Derbyshire, who lost his parents, his grandparents and a close family friend in the tragedy, is in constant pain with a leg injury he received when he was hit by a falling table as the ship rolled.

Martin is staying with his step-brother, Mr Lance Hartley, aged 21, at Ilkeston until his future is settled.

Another survivor, Mr George Lamey, aged 54, a roofer from London, who also survived the accident, flew to Belgium yesterday to identify the remains of his wife, mother and baby grandson and to look for his daughter. He vowed that he would never get on a boat again.

A close friend said yesterday that Mr Lamey was "devastated" and that the "full horror had not yet sunk in". He added: "His only aim in life now is to find his missing daughter, dead or alive."

Mr Lamey had made the ferry trip with his mother Victoria, aged 75, and wife Frances, aged 42, a matron at an old people's home, daughter Kim, aged 21, and her son Steven.

Kent police said yesterday that they were still processing the names of victims and survivors from the ferry and that full lists would not be published until complete.

Their Monday list of 82 names unaccounted for had risen to 106 last night.

Judge is given wide powers

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sir Barry Sheen, the Admiralty High Court judge appointed as Wreck Commissioner to head the public inquiry into the disaster, will have wide powers to summon witnesses.

He will also be able to censure any merchant seamen he finds culpable or suspend, or remove, an officer's certificate of competence; and he will make recommendations to the Minister of Transport to prevent a similar disaster.

Witnesses cannot be compelled to come from Belgium, but they would be unlikely to refuse.

The formal investigation is likely to take place at Dover although no forum has yet been appointed.

The Wreck Commissioner has three aims: to find out what happened, to find out if anyone was to blame and to recommend steps to prevent reoccurence.

His findings will have no bearing on the separate issue of liability for compensation.

He will sit with two assessors who will be sea captains if there is any question of removing officers' certificates of competence.

A key role is played by Treasury counsel, who has yet to be appointed. With the help of two or more junior counsel and the back-up of the Treasury solicitors' department, he will have conduct of the entire case.

He will assemble the evidence, present it, and decide which witnesses should be called.

The judge, whose powers are the same as a magistrate under the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1981, has power to call more witnesses or change the direction of the inquiry.

He would be able to visit Belgium, where a separate inquiry is underway under Judge Arthur d'Hoest, but lawyers yesterday thought this unlikely.

The apppointment of a judge rather than a QC as Wreck Commissioner is a reflection of the scale of the disaster and a decision believed to have been taken by the Prime Minister.

The inquiry gets under way after the Department of Transport has carried out its own preliminary inquiry, using its surveyors. Their report is an expert opinion and, unlike that which will follow the formal inquiry, it is prepared without the cross-examination of witnesses.

Divers risk lives in freezing water

By Philip Jacobson

Soon after first light every morning, a small group of men in black diving suits scramble up the side of the Herald of Free Enterprise and prepare to risk their lives in the dark and dangerous interior of the stricken ferry.

"I think you will appreciate that it is not easy to move around a ship listing by 90 degrees or more", observes Mr Hans Walenkamb, head of the Smit and Tak team that is handling the salvage operation.

Even this taciturn Dutchman, veteran of countless successful contracts, might have put it more graphically.

Down there, in freezing water fouled with oil and refuse, they must grope their way through a maze of staircases, corridors and ventilation shafts choked with lethal debris. Below decks, the ship is a welter of broken glass, smashed fittings and knife-sharp metal from vehicles that have broken loose.

"Things are still breaking up inside her, falling from above our men at any time", Mr Walenkamb continued.

"But they still go down every day because we have to know if anything has changed, if there is some shift of weight or position that could affect our lifting operations."

A big, weather-beaten man who looks rather out of place anywhere but on a ship's deck, he quietly points out that his 20 salvage divers on this job are among the finest in the world.

"They are already taking more risks than I would wish, because they are determined to take up the search for the missing victims as soon as possible."

It is this gruesome task (no diver will ever talk to outsiders about what happens to corpses submerged in salt water for days) that involves the greatest danger of all. Most of the passengers' bodies are believed to be lying in a tangle of wreckage on A, B and C port decks. Further below, and thus even more hazardous to recover, lie the Townsend Thoresen crewmen trapped in the engine room and the car decks.

At least one huge lorry is known to have smashed its way out of the bottom deck and, as the sea shifts the ferry, the ominous noise of rending metal can sometimes be heard on the surface. This gradual break-up of the 46 commercial vehicles that were aboard when disaster struck poses yet another danger to Smit Tak's divers.

Once a day, the Belgian navy takes sea samples to check whether toxic material from the hundred or more drums of chemicals being carried has contaminated the waters around the wreck.

Weather vital to lift ship

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24 hours, calculate that it will take a pulling force of 4,000 tonnes to haul the ferry upright. "Each of these barges can pull 3,000 tonnes . . . we have power to spare," Mr Walenkamb said.

A team of welders began preliminary work yesterday to attach 32 fixing points to the ferry's "E" deck, the main deck beneath all superstructure at the widest point of the ship.

Those will carry the wire springs, or cables, that will be connected up to what are virtually hydraulic winches on the floating barges.

To stop the ferry being pulled along the seabed, two or more anchoring chains will be fixed. More anchors will stretch from the barges to provide a firm base.

Investigation has shown the seabed to be hard clay, unlikely to silt up. It may therefore not now be necessary to dredge a trench beneath the hull to assist the rotation of the ship. Once the ship has been pulled to a near upright stance the two huge sheer-legs, or floating cranes, will maintain its stability while the second stage of salvage begins, to pump her dry as much as we possible.

Only after that will be bodies be removed.

Bradford advice for fund

By A Staff Reporter

Offers of cash and gifts, including £175,000 from the EEC Commission in Brussels, began pouring into the Channel Ferry Disaster Fund in Dover yesterday as council officials took advice on detailed arrangements from a Bradford delegation which handled the football stadium appeal nearly two years ago.

Townsend Thoresen also announced yesterday that it would be making immediate ex gratia payments of £2,000 to dependants of the known dead and missing. "This is to help with any immediate financial problems the families may have, and does not prejudice their right to pursue any claims", a spokesman said.

"In addition, callers to the Family Hotline in Dover will be advised how to make initial claims in connection with loss of clothes, cash and personal belongings."

Dover District Council, which launched the appeal with a £1 million payment from the Government and its own contribution of £25,000, said talks were still underway to try to incorporate funds established by *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* into the main appeal. *The Sun*, who had organized a readers' trip aboard the fated ferry, has put £50,000 into its fund and the *Daily Mirror* £10,000. The newspapers said yesterday, however, that they hoped to keep their funds separate from the main appeal so that they could target individual cases of hardship.

Dover council hopes to begin paying out within days.

In Bradford, interim payments were made to relatives or disaster survivors in urgent financial need within seven days of trustees being appointed. Money was also paid out promptly for funeral costs.

Within 12 months of the tragedy in which 56 people died virtually all of the £4.25 million, including an ex gratia payment of £250,000 from the Government, was distributed among nearly 400 people without acrimony or argument.

Dover council yesterday opened a telephone line – 0304 825222 – for credit card donations. Money can also be sent to the Channel Ferry Disaster Fund, Freepost, Dover, CT16 71BR.

Meanwhile, police warned residents in Salisbury, Wiltshire, that a collector had been going around the city claiming to be raising funds for the disaster appeal. No-one had been authorized to collect money for this purpose, they said.

Loading doors are checked

By David Sapsted

Checks on the loading door mechanisms of cross-Channel ferries got underway yesterday.

The Spirit of Free Enterprise, sister ship of the capsized Townsend Thoresen vessel, was one of the first to be examined, and passed, in Dover.

The checks, ordered by Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Transport, will be conducted on all British-registered roll-on, roll-off vessels by the Department of Transport's marine surveyors.

Meanwhile, design studies were launched by Townsend Thoresen yesterday to meet Mr Moore's demand for warning light systems to be installed on all ferry-bridges to alert the captain if the doors are not locked.

Such a warning system has been built into Townsend Thoresen's new "super-ferry", the 26,000-ton Pride of Dover, which enters service in June.

The vessel, which is nearing completion in Bremerhaven, will be capable of carrying 650 cars and 2,300 passengers – almost twice the capacity of the Herald of Free Enterprise and other ferries on the Channel routes.

The company is also considering introducing airline-style passenger lists on all crossings after criticism about the lack of information about who was on board the capsized vessel.

It was emphasized yesterday that loading door mechanisms were inspected routinely as part of the annual safety examination of vessels carried out by the Government's surveyors.

Marine surveyors, however, pay frequent and unannounced visits to ships, particularly passenger vessels, to ensure that they meet standards laid down by the International Maritime Organization.

Inquest on victims is adjourned

Distressed relatives of ferry disaster victims were helped out of an inquest yesterday after hearing the results of post mortem examinations.

The small group of bereaved had gone to Dover Town Hall for the opening of the hearing into the deaths of seven women and two men whose bodies arrived in Britain earlier in the day.

Mr Richard Sturt, the Dover coroner, said he would leave "no stone unturned" to find out the cause of each death. The hearing was adjourned until May 19.

Inquests on another nine victims, whose bodies were also brought to Britain yesterday, are to be opened in Dover today.

Mr Sturt said: "I am very mindful that these inquiries add to the distress of relatives.

"But I am sure they will understand that this is to add to our store of knowledge so that no more lives are lost in the same way."

The full hearing will be conducted with a jury.

Names of 29 dead are released

The names of 29 of the 34 victims whose bodies are being returned to Britain were released on a hand-written list by Townsend Thoresen in Zeebrugge yesterday.

They are: Louise Julie Finnegan, identified by Jason Finnegan of Cornwell Court, Eton, Cambs; Ann English, identified by Michael Wright, of Pelican Close, Strood, Kent; Glenn Gutler, one of the crew; Derek Bruce Woodhouse, identified by Susan Ashton Stevens, of Julia Gardens, Barking, London; Melanie Wilson, identified by John Grant, of Linkinstone Road, Gorseinarch, Dorset; Emily Pierce, identified by Kevin Pierce, of Coldharbour Lane, Kemsley, Kent; Anna Elizabeth Howard and Catherine Jane Howard, identified by Leslie Howard of Ladysmith Avenue, East Ham, London.

Peter Thomas Martin, identified by Michael Martin, of Copse Avenue, West Wickham, London; Joyce Seely, identified by Martin Seely of Beecroombe Park Road, Ilfracombe, Devon; Emma Pirrello, identified by Christopher Leech, of St Mary's Way, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds; Michael Saunders, identified by Terrence Pugh, of Duchess of Kent Drive, Leedswood, Chatham, Kent.

Jenny Bragana identified by Steven Glasgow of South Estate Road, Forest Gate, London; Karen Rae, identified by Anthony Ray, of Alverston Road, Wembley Park, London; Sean Smith and Lance Corporal Smith, identified by Ray Hinsley, of Pear Tree Grove, Manchester; John Millgate, identified by Anne Marie Clarke, of Zeebrugge; Ilene Guttgeson, identified by David Guttgeson of Toad Hall South, Hanningfield, Runwell, Essex.

Travelers, aged 42, Stephen, aged 10 months, and Victoria Lamy, aged 75, from East London; Mr and Mrs Ian Bentley, of Wallasey, Claston Dyer, one of the crew.

The list also includes Thomas Gary Barry Sykes, aged 37, of Clophill, Beds, and the three surnames Maris, Fitbank and Rumler.

Visual identification of bodies halted

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containing the chemical TDI, which had been giving the Belgian authorities cause for concern.

One hundred and six drums have been safely removed to the Zeebrugge naval base where they were found to be undamaged, but it is not clear whether any further drums from the salvage lorry remain on the seabed.

The salvage company said the lorry was dangerous and was getting in the way of the salvage operation. Officials said there was no dioxine – a dangerous chemical – listed in the cargo manifest, but there were other chemicals and poisons on board. One hundred and six canisters had been removed from the ship and taken to the Zeebrugge naval base.

Yesterday the 61-man crew of the Baltic Ferry, also of the Townsend Thoresen line, held a memorial service on board ship and cast two wreaths on to the water in salute as the ship passed the wreck of the Herald of Free Enterprise on its way from Zeebrugge to Felixstowe.

Asked about reports from Bremerhaven, where the ferry was built, that the bridge was fitted with warning lights which showed whether the bow doors were shut or not, Mr Ford said: "I do not think that is true". Other Townsend Thoresen officials also denied the reports.

Earlier Mr Ford had said that the refitting of the vessel and the issuing of a new certificate had been delayed, and that during the refit it would have been fitted with warning lights indicating when the doors were closed.

Yesterday the company said the ship had been due for a regular refit but that it had was untrue to say that warning lights were to have been installed, and this had been "an honest mistake" by Mr Ford.

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Vatican paper rules against morality of test-tube babies

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

An uncompromising rejection of the in vitro fertilization of human embryos – the so-called test-tube baby method of overcoming infertility – was issued by the Vatican yesterday and promptly welcomed by Cardinal Basil Hume of Westminster as "authoritative".

The statement, published in Rome with the approval of Pope John Paul II, also condemns all experiments with fertilized embryos and any other medical technique which treats such embryos as being less than human. It favours the prohibition of such practices and commends "passive resistance" when it comes within the law.

It denies that an infertile couple have a "right to a child", saying a child is a gift rather than a right, but calls for further scientific research to cure infertility in ways which do not interfere with natural reproduction.

Cardinal Hume said he was confident that the Vatican statement would be accepted by Roman Catholics. He hoped that "others will appreciate this contribution on issues which are vital, for they concern the very orgins of human life, its sacredness and dignity".

The statement is the work of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and reflects its concern to stay within the framework already established by the Roman Catholic Church's official teaching on contraception and abortion.

It asserts that human life begins at conception; any deliberate killing of a live embryo at whatever stage is equivalent to abortion. It also says that the only morally acceptable sexual act is "natural" intercourse between husband and wife, so that the so-called simple case of in vitro fertilization, thought by some Catholic moral theologians to be permissible, is also ruled out. The in vitro method is where the husband's sperm is used to fertilize one embryo taken from the wife before being returned to her womb.

Such a procedure leads to the domination of technology in an intimate area which should be fully personal, the statement says. The sexual act between husband and wife is both a physical and a spiritual union, and so "fertilization achieved outside the bodies of the couple remains by this very fact deprived of the meanings and the values which are expressed in the language of the body".

If the sperm is not the husband's, as when a donor is used, the additional objection is made that it would break the connection between genetic parenthood, "gestational parenthood" and responsibility for upbringing.

But this judgement is a lot less severe than the condemnation reserved for any medical interference with an embryo except for purely therapeutic reasons. Pre-natal diagnosis (amniocentesis) for the purpose of detecting if a foetus is defective is "gravely opposed to the moral law" if done with a view to abortion. The statement claims that a scientific basis exists for the belief that a human individual is created at the fusion of sperm and ovum when a new cell or zygote is produced.

On these principles the statement rules out a series of medical techniques:

- Operations on live embryos in the womb unless they are certain not to cause harm.
- Experiments on live embryos whatever the foreseeable advantage to scientific knowledge.
- Obtaining embryos for the purpose of research and their deliberate destruction.
- Producing "spare" embryos as part of the treatment of infertility.
- Attempts to create human beings through cloning or parthenogenesis.
- Attempts to influence genetic inheritance or to predetermine sex.
- Artificial insemination by donor, whether in vitro or not.
- Artificial insemination by the husband except in cases where "the technical means is not a substitute for the conjugal act".
- The freezing of fertilized embryos.

Hemlines swing Sixties style



By Suzy Menkes

The Duchess of York (right) stepping out in tune with the times at Heathrow Airport yesterday as Milan puts fashion in a whirl by reviving the mini skirt (left). Not since hemlines went thigh-high in the 1960s, have there been so many short skirts on show from the big name designers.

The new skirts are not just going up, but also out. Circular skating skirts and short swagger coats are swinging down the catwalks to give a youthful feel to the Italian collections. Flat knee-high boots and ribbed tights complete the junior mood.

The British-born designers for the Byblos label, themselves children of the 1960s, padded their short, sweet skirts to make the hemline stand out like a hula hoop.

Even sheepskin gets the mini treatment at Mario Valentino. The fur house of Fendi make mink coats like baby doll dresses, swinging from a high yoke and sliced off way above the knee.

Fendi's designer, Karl Lagerfeld, in a happy and youthful collection, also showed furs with short circle skirts worn over nothing but a pair of leggy wool tights.

Ferre showed a more grown-up version of the mini, putting short, tight skirts under his tunic jackets and matching the minis with elegant trousers.

Everything was cut on the round, with bolero jackets and bandings of fur, including a thighful of furry trimming on a very short coat.

The body-hugging sheath dress also had a short hemline but broke out into a fan-pleating of bustle at the back.

Missoni showed short skirts that were cut in tiers like a wedding cake standing away from the legs from the waste to mid-thigh.

More is going up in Italian fashion than the skirt length. The buyers are complaining of soaring prices that make a tailored outfit sell in the shops from £500 upwards.

(Photographs: Harry Kerr and Peter Trievnor)

Alliance in pledge to enforce a pay policy

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Roy Jenkins, the Alliance spokesman on economics, said yesterday that an Alliance Government would maintain an incomes policy for three or four years and perhaps indefinitely.

Conceding that incomes policies had been successful only for short periods, Mr Jenkins said that the Alliance policy, which would involve penal taxation on employers who paid wage increases above the permitted level, was designed to be more flexible and its beneficial effects would last longer.

Presenting the Alliance's alternative Budget yesterday, Mr Jenkins confirmed that the SDP and Liberals would vote against any tax cuts proposed by Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor, but said they would not necessarily restore such cuts when in power.

Mr Jenkins said that while the Alliance was not in favour of taxation for taxation's sake, "we will certainly not pledge ourselves never to increase taxation".

Aimed at cutting unemployment by a million within three years, the Alliance's "Green Budget" provides for increased public spending of £4.9 billion in the first year.

Other key factors in the strategy include the devolution of economic power to the regions, a new structure of tax-exempt bonds to finance joint public and private investment projects and measures to promote wider share ownership.

The Alliance proposes a £2.2 billion poverty elimination programme, increasing pensions and benefits.

It also proposes a job guarantee for all those unemployed for a year or more. It would seek to stimulate jobs by reducing employers' National Insurance contributions by 25 per cent in assisted areas.

The Alliance Budget has been tested against the Treasury economic model by the parliamentary unit at Warwick University's department of economics.

It claims that, measured against Conservative policies in this way, it would provide a higher rate of growth and lower unemployment.

Portfolio Gold

Winner's mind is on holidays

The sole winner of yesterday's daily £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize was Mr Alan Taylor, aged 49, of Ewell, Surrey.

Mr Taylor, now a sales manager for a printing company, worked in the accounts department of *The Times* between 1959 and 1961.

"I am really pleased to have won, I have been reasonably close several times," he said. "We are making holiday plans at this time. We might visit my son who is in Cairo; we are keen on caravanning . . . there are all sorts of things I might spend the money on.

"It is not going to change my life, but it will be very useful. Like most of the winners it will probably go on moderate plans which were in train anyway."

Mr Taylor and his wife Alice have two sons, aged 21 and 23.

He will carry on playing Portfolio Gold. "I am much encouraged now," he said.

Readers can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

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Mr Taylor, who might visit his son in Egypt.

Crimes of violence rise less steeply

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Less than 1 per cent of crimes in Britain are serious cases of violence, while the number of violent crimes has been rising less steeply under the Conservatives, it was disclosed yesterday.

The statistics were given by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, speaking to the women's national committee of the party.

The significant statistic is the number of offences per 100,000 population: In 1975-79 there was a 34 per cent rise in offences of violence, compared with an increase of 24 per cent in 1980-85.

But property crimes – burglary, robbery, theft and handling stolen goods, fraud and forgery and criminal damage – rose by 33 per cent in 1980-85.

Mr Hurd said: "Violent crime casts a fearful shadow over parts of our country. Where a criminal resorts to violence our message is clear: 'We have recruited many more police to hunt you and the courts have tougher powers to deal with you; you use violence at your peril'."

The Conservatives will enter the general election campaign attempting to put violent crime in perspective. Mr Hurd said yesterday that 27 per cent of crime is theft of or from cars; 96 per cent is against property.

He said that the police rightly concentrated on tracking down violent criminals. That was why the clear-up rate remained high for that type of crime.

More than nine out of 10 cases of murder, attempted murder and manslaughter were cleared up; and over seven in 10 recorded cases of violence against the person and sexual offences were cleared up.

Mr Hurd said a life sentence was now available to the courts for each of the most serious crimes of violence. But he admitted that public confidence in the courts could be badly damaged by the occasional over-lenient sentence, particularly in relation to crimes of violence.

That was why the Government was proposing to give the Attorney General power to refer such sentences to the Court of Appeal, which could issue new – or reinforce old – guidelines.

● As part of the drive for an extra 2,000 police in the next few years throughout the provinces, Mr Hurd yesterday told nine forces they could recruit 209 more officers from April 1.

Teachers walk out on pupils

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

More than two million children in the Midlands and the north of England will miss at least half their schooling today when 80,000 members of the two biggest teaching unions stage the first of a series of half-day strikes.

They are protesting at the Government's decision to impose a pay and conditions package.

About 50,000 members of the National Union of Teachers and 32,000 members of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers are expected to walk out of school at lunch time and attend rallies. The biggest, to be addressed by the general secretaries of both unions, will be in Manchester.

The unions predict that virtually every primary and secondary school in the affected areas will have to close. Schools in every other part of England and Wales will be hit by half-day strikes over the next week.

In a joint letter yesterday to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, the leaders of the NUT, NAS/UWT and the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association effectively rejected his invitation to discuss the proposals.

They said there would be no point unless teachers were offered more money and allowed to resume negotiations with local employers.

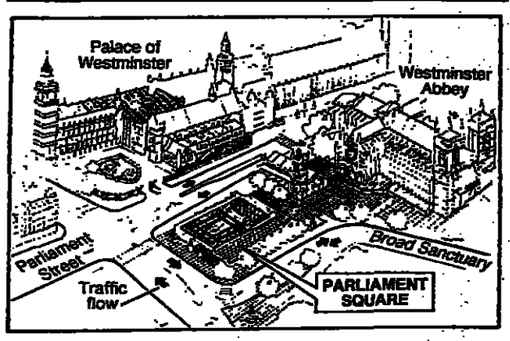
Instead, the NUT and the NAS/UWT announced the setting up of a joint committee to plan disruption.

The NAS/UWT wants to instruct teachers to refuse to take classes for absent colleagues but the NUT fears that the cost to the union of reimbursing those whose pay is docked could get out of control. It favours continued strikes in inner-city areas where its members are most militant.

Mr Baker's suggestion that the Government might offer teachers an independent pay review body in exchange for a no-strike deal was rejected yesterday by the NUT.

Mr Fred Jarvis, the union's general secretary, said no union should be asked to surrender the right to strike.

However the NAS/UWT and the AMMA said they would be prepared to give the idea careful consideration if the Government guaranteed to pay recommended awards.



1810 solution to traffic in Parliament Square

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Parliament Square, one of London's most prominent urban spaces, could revert to its original form of 1810 if a £2.3 million proposal announced yesterday gets approval from Westminster City Council next month.

A report commissioned by the council and the Department of Transport, from Halcrow Fox and Associates, planning consultants, and Mr Anthony Meats, an urban designer, would close off the Westminster Abbey side of the square to traffic and restore two-way traffic on the other three sides.

That medium-term scheme would enhance pedestrian access to the Abbey, Palace of Westminster and the new Queen Elizabeth II conference centre at Broad Sanctuary, and make the square a public open space rather than a glorified traffic roundabout.

The new proposals are estimated to reduce the time it takes to travel round the square by about half a minute.

The public will be able to express its views at an exhibition shortly.

A longer term solution to the problem of traffic, which clogs the square with more than 50,000 vehicles a day, would cost £35 million. That would involve building tunnels along the Thames, from Embankment Gardens to a point south of Lambeth Bridge, and under the square, to link Whitehall and Victoria Street.

Movement for London, a group which campaigns for better mobility of people and their goods, and the London Tourist Board welcomed the scheme for giving a higher priority to pedestrians.

The square was changed in about 1840 by Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament, which were rebuilt after the fire of 1834. Its present form dates from 1951.

Seventeen short, medium and long-term alternatives were considered and previous schemes were reviewed.

Compensation for medical accidents

Doctors call for 'no fault' pay-outs

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association has called for a £50 million state-funded scheme to provide speedy and automatic compensation to all victims of medical accidents, whether or not negligence is proved.

The proposal comes after doctors' insurance premiums have risen by 70 per cent as a result of escalating court awards for damages. In at least one case damages of £700,000 have been awarded.

The BMA claims that doctors, frightened by growing numbers of negligence claims, are now practising defensive medicine, by carrying out more tests than are medically necessary.

Under a no-fault compensation scheme, which has been introduced in New Zealand and Sweden, health authorities would offer lump sum payments, within months of the accident, together with regular follow-up payments, based on loss of earnings.

The scheme would enable a patient to be given compensation without having to prove fault in court. The BMA said payments would be settled within months, instead of the present average of four to seven years and would not entail high legal fees, which can absorb most or sometimes all of an award.

Dr Maurice Burrows, chairman of the BMA's working party into no-fault compensation, announcing the proposals yesterday, said that doctors were concerned that victims of medical accidents should be compensated according to need and not according to cause.

A child could suffer brain damage from encephalitis following measles, after a vaccine innoculation or due to a negligent traumatic birth delivery. In the first case the parents would get no compensation, in the second £20,000 and in the third case damages could amount to more than £500,000.

Dr Burrows said: "The needs of all three children will be similar. This cannot be logical, fair and sensible."

Dr Burrows said that the scheme in Sweden had been introduced at a cost of less than £1 per head.

Under the present scheme in this country, doctors have to pay £576 per annum in insurance premiums.

The BMA has proposed that the system is set up on voluntary basis so that people who thought they could prove negligence could still go to the courts.

The BMA has proposed that a pilot scheme should be set up to test the proposals.

Illness signals 'were missed'

The child at the centre of a damages action against a doctor who allegedly failed to diagnose meningitis showed classic signs of a serious infection, a medical expert told the High Court yesterday.

Dr John Wilson, consultant neurologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, London, said he was surprised no-one had taken the boy's temperature.

The child, Marlon Barker, of Buchan House, Hanbury Road, Acton, west London, now aged 11, has been left with the mind of a 2½-year-old following a bout of meningitis in December 1975, when he was less than a month old.

The case against Dr Patrick Joseph Nugent, of St Leonard's Road, West Ealing, west London, has been brought by Marlon's mother, Mrs Erbonda Barker. Dr Nugent denies negligence.

The hearing continues today.

Three deny conspiring to swindle Swiss bank

A businessman and his girl friend plotted to swindle $200 million from a Swiss bank, a court was told yesterday.

Christopher Fairbrass, aged 40, and Sally Jane Herbert, aged 33, allegedly tried to dupe the Chemical Bank of Switzerland into paying out money as a 10-year loan.

They bribed Matthew Chirambo, a London merchant bank clerk, to forge a letter guaranteeing the loan, with the promise of £1.275 million pay-off, Mr Geoffrey Carey, for the prosecution, told Knightsbridge Crown Court.

But the inexperienced clerk's "pathetic effort" ended in all three being charged. His amateurish forgery was spotted immediately as a fake by the bank, said Mr Carey.

Mr Fairbrass, of Court Down Road, Beckenham, Kent, Miss Herbert, of The Mount, Pebblehill, Limpsfield, Surrey, and Mr Chirambo, aged 42, of Warwick Court, London Road, Thornton Heath, south London, deny conspiring to obtain $200 million by deception.

Mr Carey said that Fairbrass ran Jersey-based CWF Holdings Ltd, but the company had never actively traded and would not have qualified for a loan.

The trial continues today.

Cook discovery costs museum £630,000

By Huon Mallalieu

A painting which was offered by Sotheby's in an Irish country house sale last September with an estimate of between IR£350 and IR£450 has been bought for £630,000 by the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

The portrait of Captain James Cook, the explorer and navigator, attracted the attention of David Posnett, of the Leger Galleries, Bond Street, London, when it appeared among the contents of Mount Juliet, Co Kilkenny, the home of the McCalmont family.

He was impressed enough to pay IR£29,700 for the picture which was catalogued merely "Circle of William Hodges, RA", suggesting it was painted by a pupil of Hodges or was a copy. It is now certain that it is by Hodges himself.

Hodges was the artist on Cook's second voyage to the Pacific on the Resolution between 1772 and 1775.

Before the Mount Juliet sale Sotheby's consulted the National Portrait Gallery, but the gallery also failed to recognize its true quality.

Had the Hodges been identified at that stage it would undoubtedly have entered the museum collection at much lower than the £630,000 agreed by independent assessors.

Keble attempts to tease £1m from old alumni

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

A new era of American-style fund-raising techniques at Oxford and Cambridge universities is being ushered in by Keble College, Oxford, which is inviting old students to dinner in the hope of raising £1 million.

The college, one of the poorest at Oxford, must double its investments of £5 million in five years to beat the effects of government cuts in university funding. It has raised £1 million through corporate gifts and has £220,000 in pledges.

It hopes to attract 3,900 of its 5,000 surviving old students, a high proportion of whom are clergymen and teachers with small incomes, to a series of 13 free fund-raising "gaudys" costing the college £15 a head, an outlay approaching £60,000.

That is a small price to pay, Mr Christopher Ball, the warden, believes. Already funding cuts have forced the college to freeze four vacant posts and as a relatively new college (founded 1870) with its origins in the Oxford Movement it has slender resources compared to ancient colleges such as St John's and Christ Church.

The Keble "hard sell" begins gently with tea, with two lectures informing the alumni of progress made in their subject since they left.

After a chapel service the graduates are treated to a two-and-a-half hour dinner in the company of old friends, speeches exhorting them to support the college and an evening in the college bar.

In the morning they are invited for coffee in the lodgings of the warden, at which point Mr Ball hopes his guests will feel willing to make covenants of between £500 and £2,000 a year, or at least put him in touch with a potential benefactor.

Mr Ball is visiting one former student, Sir David Wilson, governor-designate of Hong Kong, this summer to boost aid from the Far East. He is hoping for support from other famous alumni such as Sir Roy Griffiths, managing director of Sainsbury, Mr Richard Thornton, founder of GT Management, and Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, founder-editor of *The Independent*.

Led by Edinburgh, Aberystwyth and Sheffield, universities are slowly beginning to set up departments devoted to maintaining lucrative contacts with graduates.

But the ambitious target at Keble comes up sharply against a pessimistic saying among university administrators that only one alumnus in 20,000 will ever make a substantial donation.

At the London School of Economics, a seven-year programme of constant fund-raising among 50,000 graduates worldwide has achieved £1.8 million.

Miss Jennifer Pinney, who directs the LSE alumni department, said yesterday: "It would be marvellous if Keble achieve their goal of £5 million in five years but we have found by experience that two or three years of 'friend-raising' normally have to go before any tangible results."

Libel damages for fire chiefs

Two London fire chiefs who conducted a disciplinary hearing against Soho firemen on sexual harassment charges won libel damages and a public apology in the High Court yesterday over allegations in *The Daily Telegraph* that they acted unfairly towards the accused men.

The newspaper agreed to pay Mr Ronald Bullers and Mr Gerald Clarkson "suitable" damages and legal costs after recognizing its allegations were unfounded.

College head takes leave

A college head who handed over financial control to his deputy while a team investigates how to clear debts of £4.5 million, yesterday began sabbatical leave until he retires this autumn.

Dr Bill Bevan, aged 66, relinquished control of University College, Cardiff, last week. Yesterday his deputy, Professor Lee Sheridan, said bankruptcy had been avoided but job cuts would follow.

Ex-officer to name names

A former policeman has come forward to support allegations against Kent officers of corruption and "cooking" crime detection figures and said he would "name names", it was disclosed yesterday.

The officer, who has not been identified, served in Kent for 16 years.

Man accused of 10 rapes

A man aged 24 appeared before Willesden magistrates yesterday accused of 10 rapes in Soho and north-west London since May 1985. The man, from Harrow, also faces three charges of assault.

A second man, from Pinner, was charged with rape, and a third, from Neasden, with burglary and assaulting and imprisoning five people. All three were remanded in custody until April 7.

Double death case remand

A youth, aged 17, was remanded in custody for a week by Oldham magistrates yesterday charged with murdering two elderly sisters.

David Blythe, of Clough Road, Shaw, Greater Manchester, is accused of killing Miss Susan Egerton, aged 92, and her sister, Florence, aged 81, at their home in Shaw 10 days ago. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Phones to dial own faults

British Telecom has ordered 25,000 electronic telephones, which will report their own faults automatically, as part of the final stage of modernizing Britain's 77,000 payphones.

Telecom announced yesterday that most of the country's public telephones were now working again, after the disruption caused by the engineers' strike.

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PARLIAMENT

New Aids campaign to be directed at gays

The next stage of the Government's advertising campaign to educate the public about the dangers of Aids will be directed specifically at drug users and homosexuals, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during Commons question time.

The objective of the campaign was to ensure that people were given the facts about Aids, the threat it posed to society, how infection was transmitted and how individuals could help to control its spread.

The results of the latest *Gallup* opinion poll showed that encouraging progress was being made in meeting those objectives. The strategy for the next stage of the campaign was being considered in the light of the results of research commissioned by the Government.

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) said there was public concern that the campaign had been even-handed between homosexual and heterosexual activity despite the fact that the spread of Aids had come particularly from homosexuals.

What proportion of those who had died from the disease had been homosexual? Had not the time come to ban homosexual propoganda from schools and television?

Mr Fowler said, in respect of schools, that he entirely agreed with the point. It was right to say that deaths from the disease had been predominantly among homosexuals, but ministers also had to take account of the fact that a number of cases had involved drug users sharing needles and also heterosexuals.

It was known that the virus could spread heterosexually so it was right to be prudent about the information given to the public on how it could be prevented.

Mrs Renee Short (Wolverhampton North East, Lab), said that the Select Committee on Social Services, of which she is chairman, had identified certain areas where very much more help would be needed. There was an urgent need for more clinical medical posts and counsellors and there would shortly be a very acute need for more hospice places. There was also a need to educate young children in schools about how to avoid the disease.

Mr Fowler said that the Government, which looked forward to seeing the select committee's report on Aids, had shown by the resources it had devoted to public education and to research the importance it placed on fighting the spread of the virus.

Mr Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge, C) said that, even if the heterosexual community was at risk from Aids contamination, the time had come to make it clear that by far the greatest degree of risk was posed by drug abusers and sexual perverts.

Mr Fowler agreed and said the next stage of the campaign would be specifically directed at those groups.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) wondered if Mr Fowler really believed that exhortation or even terror would be adequate, because they had not been sufficient in the United States where there were, nearly 1,500,000 people infected by the virus, apart from the dead and dying.

In the next stage of the Government's campaign, Mr Fowler should consider, without preaching, that there were moral choices available for the family and the community.

Mr Fowler agreed and said it had always been made clear that it was best to rely on a faithful, loving relationship. They needed to say something more than giving direct and straightforward health education.

Mr Patrick Thompson (Norwich North, C) wanted more details about talks between Mr Fowler and the Secretary of State for Education and Science (Mr Kenneth Baker) about the best way to get the moral and educational message across to younger children.

Mr Fowler said that Mr Baker had recently issued a new leaflet for teachers about Aids and information on video would also be provided for schools.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Every British political party has been embarrassed as the debate intensifies over Mr Gorbachov's readiness to negotiate on medium-range missiles in Europe.

For the Alliance every discussion of defence these days is liable to revive memories of the Great Divide at Eastbourne last September.

For Labour the common debate on Monday brought a more acute difficulty: Mr Callaghan's forceful and courageous reminder that he remains unreconciled to his party's defence policy. No Labour MP can forget how much effect Mr Callaghan's blunt warning on this score had on the 1983 election campaign.

Conservatives also wrong-footed

But, perhaps surprisingly, the Conservatives have also been wrong-footed. They cannot make up their minds whether to welcome Mr Gorbachov's response as a tribute to the firmness of Western governments or to shy away from it as a possible trap.

Ministers are formally taking the first position, though they do not always seem to be entirely convinced by their own words. But they probably do not have much choice at this stage.

The United States appears to be set on an agreement for political reasons. It looks like the ideal opportunity to demonstrate that the Reagan Administration has not been rendered impotent and obsolete by Irangate.

Mrs Thatcher lost the chance of protesting against a zero-zero agreement for the withdrawal of all intermediate nuclear forces from Europe, East and West, by accepting the principle when she visited the President at Camp David.

So now the argument has focused on the conditions for accepting a zero-zero settlement. Much energy was expended in the Commons on Monday in querying whether a reduction of shorter-range nuclear missiles would be incorporated in the main INF agreement.

The position is that the draft treaty drawn up by the United States stipulates that INF should be eliminated in Europe, that these weapons should not be replaced by cruise missiles and that a ceiling should be placed on those missiles with a range just below the INF category.

That would restrict the number of Soviet SS-23s and SS-22s, while giving the United States the theoretical right to deploy just as many missiles of this range in Western Europe.

But as the Americans have no European missiles in this category at the moment, and as it is most unlikely that the United States would regard the disarmament agreement as a reason for installing them, that would leave the Soviet Union with a significant missile advantage in Europe.

To correct this the Reagan Administration proposes that a second set of negotiations should follow within probably six months. These further talks would deal with the Soviet SS-20s deployed in Asia, a possible reduction of SS-23s and SS-22s and with the still shorter-range missiles in Europe.

The objections to such an arrangement seem to me valid, but not critical. They are valid in that there could be no certainty that the second negotiations would be successful.

But the objections are not critical because they do not relate to the real case against a zero-zero INF agreement. If all shorter-range nuclear missiles were removed from Europe at the same time that would not justify a zero-zero INF settlement.

Imbalance could become worse

The imbalance in conventional forces between East and West would become even more significant, and the tendency to decouple the United States from the defence of Europe might be all the greater.

That is the true objection to a zero-zero INF agreement: the removal from Europe of a whole category of American weapons which had been deployed in order to link the United States more closely to Europe.

The withdrawal of a weapon system once it has been deployed is a decision with different political and psychological implications from not installing it in the first place.

North to get more cash for health

Additional funds for the North West Regional Health Authority for 1987-88 were announced during Commons questions by Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health.

The allocation would give an additional £435,000 to North Manchester, £290,000 to Central Manchester, £73,000 to South Manchester, £246,000 to Salford and £11,000 to Tameside and Glossop. There would also be £400,000 for Liverpool, £200,000 for St Helens and Mosely and £200,000 for South Sefton.

The announcement was criticized by Mr Anthony Lloyd (Stretford, Lab), who said that at a recent meeting of the region's community health councils, there was not one body which was not complaining about underfunding.

Bad weather money move

The deadline for severe weather payments would not be reached until early April and claims were still coming in, Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, said during Commons questions. He would review the situation, but he could not give any commitment on extending the deadline, he told Mr Alex Eadie (Midlothian, Lab), who was worried that some people with the biggest fuel bills had not claimed in time.

Mr Major resisted pleas from Dr Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab) and Mr Andrew Bowden (Brighton, Kemptown, C) that he should review the rule excluding from these payments pensioners with more than £500 in savings.

Disability request

A plea for the Government to make severe disability premium available to severely disabled people who did not live alone — once present arrangements end — were made during Commons questions. Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) said that most severely disabled people could not live alone at home because they were practically paralysed and needed someone there to care for them.

Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, had already said that organizations caring for the severely disabled had put alternative proposals to him about the treatment of severely disabled people on income support. He told Mr Ashley that the premium was intended for severely disabled people and was one of the matters under discussion.

Capitalism fear by MP

A suggestion that the Prime Minister's theory of popular capitalism had created a climate in which profit took precedence over safety was dismissed by Mrs Thatcher during question time.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab) referred her to press comments about the sharp drop in Townsend Thoresen shares, attributing that to safety modifications which would be required to meet new standards for ferries.

Mrs Thatcher: He is talking total nonsense and he knows it. She said that the point had been dealt with by Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, on Monday. Safety was put above all else.

Lords defeats for ministers

The Government suffered two defeats in the Lords on Monday night during the report stage of the Consumer Protection Bill.

Lord Airedale (L) won his amendment to ensure that products carry warnings about what consumers must not do as well as what they can do. Voting was 98 to 91 — majority against the Government, 7. Peers also approved an amendment tabled by Lady Burton of Coventry (SDP) redrafting the wording of a clause.

Houses sold

From April 1979 to last September English local authorities and new towns sold about 793,000 dwellings, including 36,000 flats, Mr Richard Tracey, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a Commons reply.

Bill approved

The Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill, which is designed to prevent a repeat of the fatal grandstand fire at the Bradford football ground, was read the third time and passed in the House of Lords.

Labour chief ignores Tory taunts over Callaghan

PRIME MINISTER

Mr James Callaghan's warning in the Commons on Tuesday, that Trident should not simply be abandoned, haunted Prime Minister's question time, although Mr Callaghan himself was absent.

Several Conservative MPs commended Mr Callaghan's words to Mrs Thatcher, who gave her seal of approval to what her predecessor as Prime Minister had said.

Conservative MPs called for Mr Kinnock to join the exchanges on the subject and laughed when, having been called, the Labour leader questioned the Prime Minister on trade figures rather than defence.

The subject arose when **Dame Jill Knight** (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) asked the Prime Minister to reflect, during her forthcoming visit to Moscow, that if it had not been for the strength and firmness of purpose of the Western Alliance in deploying cruise and other INF weapons there was no reason to suppose that Mr Gorbachov would have come forward with his proposals for balanced reduction of such weapons.

During the debate in the House the previous day on the removal of INF missiles from Europe, she said, the former Labour Prime Minister, Mr James Callaghan, had shown a proper grasp on reality in his speech.

Mrs Thatcher said that she totally agreed with the point so effectively made. Unless the United Kingdom had been firm in deploying cruise missiles there would have been no proposals to take out the Soviet SS20 missiles.

Mr Callaghan had shown an admirable consistency in these matters, while the same could not be said for Mr Denis Healey.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C): Will she take the opportunity to commend Mr Callaghan, not merely on exposing the nonsense of his own front bench's defence policy, but also for showing up the fundamental contradictions in the so-called Alliance . . .

Mrs Thatcher: I gladly support what Mr Callaghan said, and his firmness in defence of this country's defence and security. Liberal and SDP members, when it came to deploying cruise, voted against that deployment.

Mr Stephen Dorrell (Loughborough, C): Returning to the subject which Mr Kinnock understandably preferred to avoid, does she agree that, while the fact that Mr Gorbachov has taken up President Reagan's offer of the zero option is welcome, it is important that Nato is not baffled by weasel words about short-range INF and conventional weapons.

It is essential that a link is established in the negotiations between implementation of reduction of long-range INF and opportunities for reducing conventional weapons disparity, as well as short-range INF . . .

Mrs Thatcher: The Soviet Union is taking up the intermediate point because we deployed cruise and Pershing. I agree that we cannot take one point solely and treat it in isolation from others. We must consider the shorter-range nuclear weapons and look at the conventional imbalance, otherwise our defences will be insecure. We believe in keeping them secure.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Is she going back on her support for the zero-zero option when the United States is clearly prepared to back it? Is she going to make progress on other important areas a condition for agreement on INF?

Mrs Thatcher: If he looks at the draft treaties, he will find that shorter- range weapons are considered. It is important to consider them.

It would be a foolish person who excluded the conventional imbalance, and those who seek to select one item without the others are not interested in defence, but in making short-term political points.



Clash over economy

A clash between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kinnock at question time over the Government's economic performance, ended with the Prime Minister telling the Leader of the Opposition: We are not going to take lectures from the likes of you.

Mr Kinnock demanded a change of Government policy to correct a bad economic performance as shown by last week's trade figures, while **Mrs Thatcher** said that the present Government had a cumulative surplus of nearly £20 billion to its credit on current account while the last Labour Government had presided over a deficit of more than £4 billion.

Mr Kinnock: The revised balance of payments figures published last week show an overall deficit of £1.1 billion, a trade deficit of £8 billion, a manufactured trade deficit of £6 billion.

Mrs Thatcher: He has taken the revised figures. He is correct about them. Since 1979, there has been a surplus on current account of nearly £20 billion, and between 1974 and 1979 there was a cumulative deficit of more than £5 billion.

Currie 'a punishment for Secretary of State'

Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Social Services, might have been given her job as a punishment for Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State, a Labour MP suggested during question time.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) asked if Mr Norman Fowler planned to review Mrs Currie's responsibilities — emphasizing to laughter from Conservative MPs, including Mrs Currie, that he was intending to be helpful.

Some of Mrs Currie's comments since becoming a minister had been extraordinary.

Did Mrs Thatcher have a grudge against Mr Fowler and want to punish him by putting such a publicity-crazed person into the DHSS?

Mr Fowler said that a successful politician like Mrs Currie said what everybody was thinking while unsuccessful ones like Mr Winnick — (laughter from Conservative MPs and Mr Winnick) — said what nobody was thinking, nor would think.

Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab) wondered whether Mr Fowler could explain to the nation why Mrs Currie was so popular among her Tory colleagues.

Mr Fowler agreed that Mrs Currie was popular up and down the country.

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said that these questions about Mrs Currie displayed an excess of sour grapes among Labour MPs.

But they deserved some sympathy, because nobody on their own front bench had the energy and ability to hit the headlines in the way that Mrs Currie did (Labour laughter).

Mr Fowler said that was absolutely right — and the criticism that the Prime Minister had to put up with from Labour went considerably further than sour grapes.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C), a former junior minister, raised the issue of sexism. That was Labour MPs' attitude towards one of the few women ministers.

Mr Fowler: Absolutely right.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L) applauded Mrs Currie's weekend statement that smoking was dirty and smelly.

So would Mr Fowler persuade the Department of the Environment that the only way to stop it was to stop the advertising of tobacco products, thereby allowing people to make their own choice?

Mr Fowler referred to the voluntary advertising code.

● Compliments flew across the despatch box during Social Services question time, when **Mr Frank Haynes** (Ashfield, Lab) prefaced a question to **Mrs Currie** by asking: Is she aware how attractive she looks today?

When the laughter had subsided, Mrs Currie concluded her reply by thanking him for the compliment and adding: I think he looks pretty cute today, too.

Artificial limb service to change

A big reorganization in the service for the provision of artificial limbs was outlined to the Commons by **Mr John Major**, Minister for Social Security.

In a statement he said that the proposed changes followed from the recommendation of a working party on the artificial limb and appliance service chaired by Professor Ian McColl, Professor of Surgery at London University.

A new special health authority is to be established to be responsible for the whole of the artificial limb, wheelchair and appliance service. It will be chaired by Lord Holderness who as Mr Richard Wood was Conservative MP for Bridlington from 1950 to 1979 and is disabled. Professor McColl will be vice-chairman.

Mr Major said that the McColl report made wide-ranging and detailed recommendations concerning the organization and management of services; the nature of contracts for the supply of limbs; the quality of the limb fitting services; and the desirability of closer links between the full range of hospital community care and local authority services.

He added: Action has already been taken to implement many of the recommendations.

We have strengthened substantially the top management of the limb and appliance services by appointing a general manager to head a specialist disablement services division, supported by a new director of operations and a new director of procurement from the NHS.

We now propose to extend the principle of general management throughout the limb and appliance service in order to implement the far-reaching changes we envisage. We intend to reorganize the service into regions with boundaries that are co-terminous with those of the NHS.

We also agree with the McColl report that we should seek improved contracts for the supply of artificial limbs. We are therefore pressing the limb industry to agree to new contractual arrangements that will increase competition and encourage a quicker service.

One of the most important conclusions of the McColl working party was that it would be inappropriate for the limb and appliance services to remain under the direct control of the DHSS. I wish to make it clear that we accept that recommendation and propose to act on it.

We have therefore decided to establish an interim management board in the form of a special health authority (SHA) with effect from July 1.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on assistance to the coal industry and on the motor vehicle industry.

Lords (2.30): Debate on manufacturing industry.

Plant research chief resigns

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government's plans to sell off Britain's world famous research laboratory at Cambridge for developing new strains of plants has led to the resignation of its director and 60 employees.

Privatization of the Plant Breeding Institute and National Seed Development Organization could also lead to the suppression of new beneficial types of seeds because of the pressure of commercial interests, it was predicted yesterday.

The Government has said it will go ahead with privatization soon after receiving advice from Lazards, the merchant bankers, on the details of the sale.

The institute's director, Professor Peter Day, one of Britain's top biotechnologists, is to leave the institute in July to become director of a new biotechnology unit at the University of New Jersey in the United States. About thirty of the staff of the team of 240 employees have taken redundancy and another 30 have left because of uncertainty over the institute's future.

The Government announced its plans to sell the National Seed Development Organization, which markets the new seeds, in 1984. A year later it said the basic research work done at the Plant Breeding Institute would be transferred and the rest of the work sold to the private sector.

Lord John-Mackie, Labour's agriculture spokesman in the Upper House, has been campaigning against the privatization because, he said, a commercial company could face a conflict of interests. The present situation was "a shambles" and he has called for a debate on the plans.

"The institute is a public body with an international reputation because of its success in producing new breeds of plant", he said.

Plant breeders were working on new strains of cereal, for instance, which could extract nitrogen from the atmosphere and so fertilize the land, like clovers. But if a commercial company, such as ICI, took over it would think twice about marketing such seeds because of the effect on its lucrative fertilizer market, he said.

When the issue was raised in the House of Lords, the Earl of Dundee, for the Government, said: "It is not anticipated that there will be a brain drain other than in a marginal respect as a result of privatization".

The delay in privatization had been caused by "complexities" in resolving the various interests, he added.

"There is now a clear intention. The Government know that very shortly an information memorandum will be issued and privatization will be able to take place shortly thereafter".

Truro by-election

Penhaligon's shadow reigns

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

In a refreshing burst of politcal candour, both Labour and Conservatives agreed yesterday the sad circumstances that caused the Truro by-election are harming their chances of wrestling the Cornish seat from the Liberals on Thursday.

"The long shadow that falls over this by-election is that of David Penhaligon", Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said.

"He was a lovely man, respected in the House of Commons and by political opponents. I would not be the least surprised if many people did not vote Liberal as a tribute to him."

A similar point had been made a few minutes earlier by Mr Allan Rogers, Labour MP for Rhondda and the "minder" of the party's Truro candidate.

"One of the things we are meeting and we have to be absolutely honest about it, is that there are an awful lot of people who don't want to change their minds out of deference to David Penhaligon's memory. We are finding that is a barrier; there are no ifs and buts about it.

"Unfortunately, what they don't realize is that Matthew Taylor is not David Penhaligon. The 24-year-old Oxbridge Yuppie has about as much in common with this constituency as a Norman feudal landlord."

But for the Penhaligon factor, there are increasing indications that the buoyant Conservative camp would stand a good chance of giving the Liberals a nasty fright — and possibly pulling off a shock win.

In traditional Conservative Central Office fashion, Mr Nick St Aubyn, the party's distinctly Thatcherite candidate, still insists that victory is well within his grasp. That is highly unlikely, but finishing a good second with an increased vote is not.

The Liberals, more used to attacking sizeable Conservative or Labour majorities in by-election fights, seem nonplussed by having to defend a 10,000 majority of their own, and they are not helped by their candidate, Mr Taylor.

Intelligent, competent at regurgitating party policy, he may be. But aged a very young 24, he is hardly the most inspiring of candidates and his dullness is in stark contrast to the personality of the MP he hopes to succeed.

Mr David Alton, the Liberal Chief Whip, recalled yesterday how he had been described as a young "sprog" when he became the youngest MP in 1979, after his Edge Hill by-election victory, and he tried to bolster Mr Taylor's image by saying that Mr Penhaligon had spoken of the candidate's "enormous potential".

"Throughout the campaign, Matthew Taylor has demonstrated he comes from the same tradition as David Penhaligon and will give a service, second to none to the constituents of this city", Mr Alton added.

While the Conservatives do not query Mr Taylor's integrity, "there are serious questions about his political maturity", Mr David Harris, Conservative MP for St Ives and Mr St Aubyn's "minder", said.

"Particularly when he admits such things as having voted in favour of giving £1,000 to Arthur Scargill dur- [illegible]

"Those views are totally at variance with the views of the electorate of this constituency and are at variance with the many people who voted for David Penahligon last time."

Meanwhile, the dirty tricks war took a new twist yesterday with the Conservatives accusing the Liberals of ripping down 500 of their election billboards which have been distributed around the constituency and the Liberals describing the most recent Conservative election leaflet as "the latest piece of naked Tebbitism".

The end result is that Mr Norman Tebbit has challenged Mr David Steel to a public debate about campaign literature in Truro before electors go to the polls.

General election: D C Penhaligon (L/All), 31,279; P Buddell (C), 20,799; Miss J M Beecroft (Lab), 2,479. L/All maj: 10,480.

Poll gives Alliance big lead

The Liberal/SDP Alliance is heading for a comfortable victory in this week's Truro by-election, according to an opinion poll last night.

The survey, conducted for Television South-West among 731 people in the Cornish constituency last Friday, gave the Alliance 54.8 per cent, Conservatives 25.7 per cent, Labour 6.6 per cent, others 1 per cent, and undecided voters 11.9 per cent.

The poll result is similar to a survey carried out in Truro two weeks ago and, if reflected in voting this Thursday, it will give Mr Matthew Taylor, the Alliance candidate, almost the same share of the vote as the late David Penhaligon gained in the general election in 1983.

Letter of sympathy

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, read out a letter in the Lords from the President of the Belgian Senate, Mr Edward Leemans.

It said: "In the name of the Assembly and in my name I would like to express to the Lord Chancellor and all members of the House of Lords the sorrow and pain of the Belgian Senate after the catastrophe at Zeebrugge which cost so many human lives and struck so deeply so many British families".

Lord Hailsham: I will reply thanking him for his kindness.

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Journalists proceed with challenge on trial reporting bans

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A test challenge by journalists against court powers to ban publication of trial proceedings under the Contempt of Court Act, 1981, has been given the go-ahead by the European Commission on Human Rights.

It ruled that a complaint by Channel 4, the National Union of Journalists, Mr Dennis Woolf, a producer, and Mr Godfrey Hodgson, a journalist, was admissible.

The case is seen as a test of the growing use of court powers to ban or postpone publication of criminal proceedings and could, if successful, lead to a change in the law.

At present there is no right of appeal against judges' orders made under the Act: civil courts have held they cannot review a banning order made by a crown court judge relating to a trial on indictment.

The claim is being brought over the legality of a judge's order postponing the transmission of a Channel 4 programme at the time of the Clive Ponting secrets trial in January 1985.

The court order under section four (2) of the Act was, the journalists claim, a restriction of their right to report a criminal trial of public importance, and one against which they had no right of appeal.

The programme, "Court Report", was to be screened each evening of the trial. It would have consisted of actors reading from a transcript, but avoiding "any dramatic re-enactment of proceedings in the courtroom or any attempt to reproduce the atmosphere of the trial".

At the start of the trial, Mr Justice McCowan ordered that a report of any part of the proceedings in the form intended by Channel 4 should be postponed until after the verdict.

In his view, there was a danger the trial of Mr Ponting would be prejudiced by contemporaneous and edited reports of the day's proceedings in the form proposed.

The order was not opposed by counsel for either prosecution or defence and the judge declined to hear counsel for Channel 4 or the production company involved.

In their application in Strasbourg, the journalists claimed that this violated two articles of the European Convention on Human Rights: their right to impart information and the right to an effective remedy in respect of an alleged breach.

The European Commission yesterday declared the complaint admissible on the second point.

Mr Tim Crook, a radio journalist, has brought a separate challenge at Strasbourg over the lack of an effective remedy against judges' banning orders under the Act.

Journalists are also writing to Sir James Miskin, Recorder of London, over his decision last week to close his court to the public to hear legal argument before a trial; and then to ban reporters from disclosing his reasons for doing so.

● Sweeping reforms to be announced today by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, could mean more disputes being heard behind closed doors.

A key proposal of the reforms to cut delays and costs in civil courts is expected to be that a large number of disputes be taken out of the formal court system and brought under a more informal "small claims" procedure.

At present such hearings, which cover claims of up to £500, are in private. It is expected that the limit will be increased to at least £1,000.



A 3.5 ton altar is exactly positioned using four ice cubes. The technique allowed the altar at St Mary's Catholic Church, High Road, East Finchley, north London, to be manoeuvred into place before the ice melted. Angela Godfrey, who carved the plinth and altar, and Father Kettleton, the parish priest, look on. (Photograph: John Rogers)

5,000 ICI jobs to be created in Teesside

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Up to 5,000 jobs could be created in the next 15 years at a technology park to be developed by Imperial Chemical Industries in the heart of depressed Teesside.

The company is planning, in conjunction with English Estates North, a series of offices and workshops on a 167-acre site at Billingham, Cleveland, through a new joint company, Belasis Hall Technology Park.

They hope to attract companies in computer software, instrumentation, systems, control, and bio-engineering.

The Government is making an initial grant of £1 million, including £800,000 of capital grant, and the two partners are each putting up £800,000 for the first phase.

English Estates North is funding the building of the 50-acre first phase, due to begin in May, at a cost of £2.4 million.

Initially seven pavilions are planned, ranging from a 150 sq ft "rent-a-room" to a 10,000 sq ft office and workshop.

In the last 10 years, ICI has reduced its total Teesside workforce by 10,000 and announced cuts at the Billingham site which will cause another 1,250 job losses by the start of the 1990s.

Prince backs Tate appeal to save a Constable

The Prince of Wales yesterday made a donation to a £2.9 million appeal to keep a Constable masterpiece in Britain.

The Prince lent his support to the Tate Gallery's appeal to buy the painting, "The Opening of Waterloo Bridge".

To succeed, the fund must raise the final £500,000 by April 20.

At the end of a visit to the gallery the Prince said: "It would be a great pity if something so interestingly historical should be lost to the nation, especially as it is one of Constable's more exuberant paintings."

He spent a long time looking at the picture, which depicts Waterloo Bridge being opened by the Prince Regent, later George IV, in 1817.

The picture is on offer to the Tate for £4 million from Mrs A J Sheldon, the only daughter of Mr Harry Ferguson, the tractor manufacturer. With tax concessions, the price is reduced to £2.9 million.

Teenager cleared on Blakelock

A third teenager was formally acquitted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of the murder of Police Constable Keith Blakelock.

Mr Justice Hodgson told the jury he had ruled as inadmissible the alleged confession by the 16-year-old to being part of a mob which attacked the officer during the disturbances at the Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham, north London.

The judge directed the jury to return a not guilty verdict on the murder charge which the teenager faced.

On the judge's direction the jury also formally acquitted him of charges of riotous assembly, affray, making petrol bombs and throwing a bomb at a police officer. All the charges related to October 6, 1985, the day of the disturbances.

A fortnight ago, the judge ruled that a 15-year-old's confession had been inadmissible, and on the same day the prosecution withdrew a murder charge against youth aged 15. However, the second youth remains accused of riotous assembly and affray.

The judge's direction followed a submission in the jury's absence by Mr Michael West, QC, for the defence.

When the jury returned to court, the judge told them that his detailed reasons for the direction will be given at the end of the case.

Mr West had told the court that the teenager, who had a mental age of seven, had been refused a solicitor and his family were not informed of his arrest.

Mr West accused police of an abuse of interrogation and of having squeezed him like a lemon until the pips came out.

The three adult defendants still facing the murder charge are: Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, of Martlesham, Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham; Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Partridge Way, Wood Green, and Mark Braithwaite, aged 19, unemployed, of Canonbury Villas, Islington, all north London.

Mr Raghip also faces a charge of providing bottles for petrol bombs.

The judge is expected to start his summing up next week in the trial, which has now lasted 33 days.

Refugee is attacked in church

Six attackers wielding knives, screwdrivers and a crowbar caused several hundred pounds in damage when they burst into a church where a Sri Lankan refugee is taking sanctuary.

Mr Viraj Mendis, aged 30, who has been appointed by Manchester city council as immigration advisory officer to help him avoid deportation, was not hurt in the attack at the Church of the Ascension in Hulme, Manchester. Mr Don Forder, a supporter, was taken to hospital after being stabbed in the head.

Police later detained six men who have since been released.

Mr Mendis yesterday blamed the Home Office and newspaper coverage criticising his £10,000-a-year appointment for the attack late on Monday night.

He said: "The Home Office could stop all this if they wanted to. All they have to do is give me the right to stay in this country and not force me to stay in the church. As long as I stay here it means I am in danger."

Supporters of his defence campaign increased their presence at the church last night because the attackers had threatened to return.

Judge warns countess over child access

A countess who said her two young daughters were ill when her estranged husband tried to see them was warned by a judge yesterday to obey a court order allowing the husband regular access to them.

At the Court of Session in Edinburgh, Lord McCluskey, QC, said it seemed every time the children's father, Lord Cassillis, walked up the path of his wife's home for access to his daughters, they fell ill.

The earl, aged 30, heir to the Marquess of Ailsa, complained through his lawyers that he had not been allowed access to his children after travelling to his wife's home, in Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, from London.

Lord McCluskey said: "If access arrangements do not work in future then the court will have to take extraordinary steps to make them work."

Belfast mudflats may get a £240m refresher

The polluted lower tidal reaches of Belfast's River Lagan could become the city's crowning glory.

They are to become the setting for a £240 million redevelopment by the 1990s if outline proposals accepted by a Government minister yesterday get the go-ahead.

An enthusiastic Mr Richard Needham, minister at the Northern Ireland Office responsible for the environment, announced that he was ordering work to start immediately on the crucial first stage.

This would be a weir to maintain a constant water level and cover the city's mudflats.

The weir should be in place well before the 1991 target date for completion of the first upstream development in the Laganside plan, prepared jointly by Building Design Partnership of Belfast and the London firm Shepheard, Epstein and Hunter.

The scheme, on about 300 acres along both banks of a 1.5 mile stretch of the Lagan, includes public and private housing, marinas, two civic squares, a 100-bed hotel, a "gateway centre" of exhibitions and a specialist shopping space for tourists.

There would be 300,000 sq ft of office space, an industrial park on 20 acres occupied by Belfast's gasworks, scheduled for demolition, and a maritime museum in the Abercorn Basin, one of two docks in the scheme.

A centrepiece of the museum will be HMS Caroline, a First World War destroyer and the last survivor of the 1916 Battle of Jutland.

The minister was confident yesterday that property developers and commercial and industrial interests would readily invest 70 per cent of the estimated £240 million.

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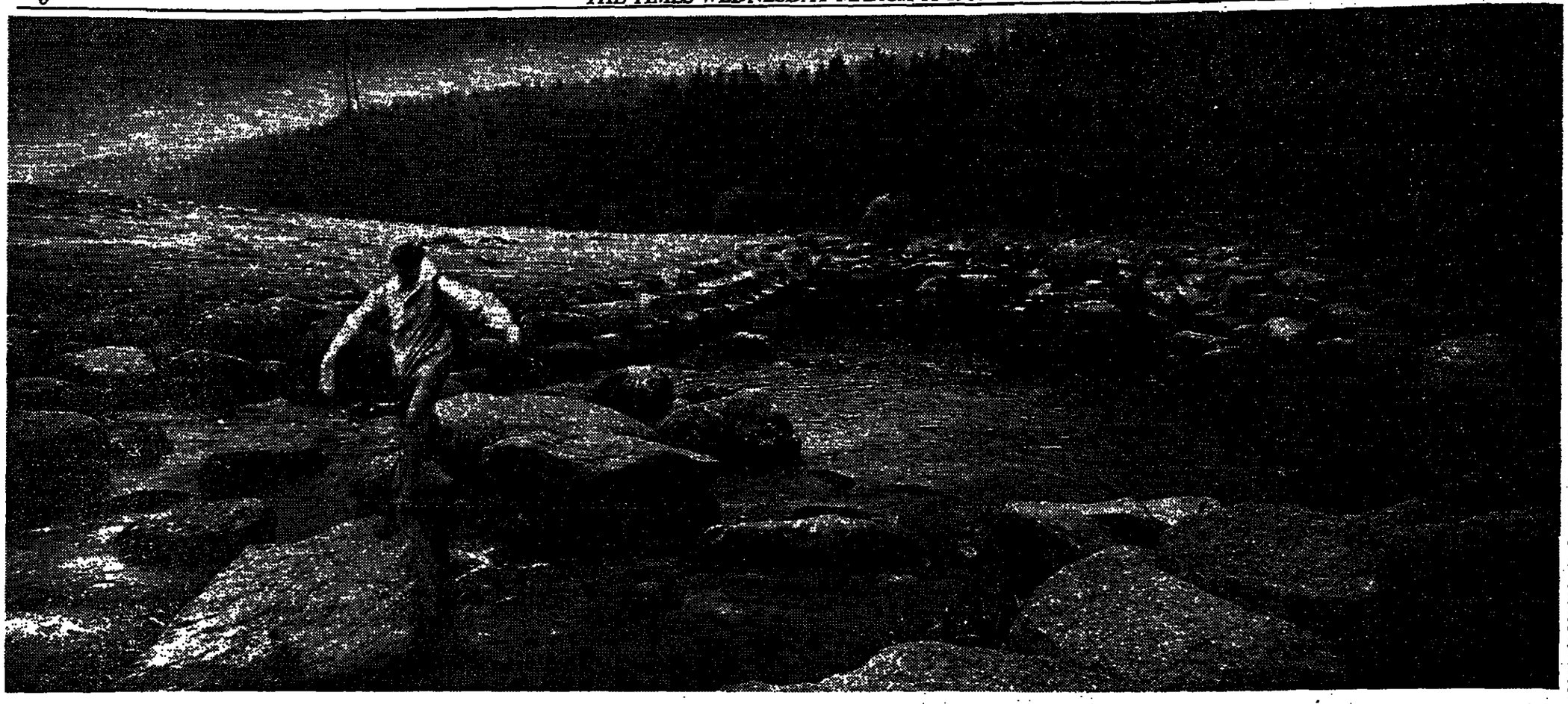
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Turnover	1933.4	1997.2
Operating Profit (before exceptional items)	163.0	92.7
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	134.2	(11.4)
Earnings per ordinary share	15.9p	(2.25)p
Net Cash (borrowings)	37.0	(211.4)
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Just another day at the office.

Your alarm buzzes for the second time. A freezing mist lies heavily over the camp. Your radiator is barely warm.

6.15 am

From the room next door a worn-out tape of Dire Straits shakes another young officer awake. On your left you can just hear *Mozart's Flute and Harp decorating* the morning. With close friends like this, who needs a radio?

You wash, shave, pull on a tracksuit and jog over to your platoon's block.

Outside, twenty two bleary-eyed soldiers await your arrival. What are you going to torture them with today?

They'd know if they'd bothered to look on the notice board: an eight mile run.

"Come on, you know you can do it."

And in fact they can. It's all part of being a professional.

Panting back, strung out like washing on a line, leading from the front one minute, urging from the back the next, you pass another platoon swimming an icy river. Your men shout derisive encouragement.

7.45 am

A quick shower and you change into uniform.

You walk past portraits of distinguished Generals and spruce Brigadiers to breakfast in the mess.

Most officers are on first name terms but somehow you always seek out friends of your own age and rank. Not that it matters much, hardly anyone talks at breakfast.

You could choose muesli and yoghurt (heaven knows you've vowed to often enough) but the smell of fried bacon and mushrooms overwhelms your best intentions.

8.45 am

Time to inspect your platoon not so much for bull but well-being.

You make eye-contact with each man.

Is one still having trouble with his girl-friend? Is another's wife still fed up with married quarters? Has a third got over the flu bug?

A look can often tell you something you should follow up in private later.

You tell one of your Corporals to take them off on anti-tank weapon training leaving you to discuss the day's programme with your senior NCO.

He's a Sergeant six years older than you whose knowledge and experience you have learned to respect greatly.

You tell him you've arranged a showing of a film about the Falklands war, what went right, what went wrong and why.

You check on one soldier whose sick leave has gone on suspiciously long, then on to preliminary planning for next Autumn's exercises in Cyprus.

10.45 am

During the coffee break you bump into an Army Air Corps Officer who's just flown in the Brigade Commander by helicopter.

He's hacked off that a unit he was due to do abseiling exercises with next week, has suddenly been re-deployed.

Your mind races. "Hang on."

You'll need an instructor and permission from your Commanding Officer, but your men will get a day's abseiling 90ft down from a hovering helicopter.

They're really knocked-out when you tell them after a radio codes lecture just before lunch.

12.30 pm

The light falls through large windows onto long, polished tables and finds reflection in illustrious regimental silver.

However often you walk into the dining room you always feel the tradition: the battle honours from wars you studied at school.

Sitting at the table are many of the colleagues who will become life-long friends. You find a place among them and chat.

"Soup or melon sir?" You serve yourself to the other two courses.

Afterwards there's just time to flick through a newspaper in an armchair built uncompromisingly for masculine comfort.

2.00 pm

You drop in on your platoon while an NCO is demonstrating the new SA80 rifle.

They are silent as he holds up its lethal, efficient lines for them to admire.

Like a car salesman he feeds them facts ..."automatic fire ... only two-thirds the weight, smaller calibre..."

Knowing you won't be needed, you leave. The men have to learn practical map reading. This afternoon you can plan a course.

2.35 pm

Armed with stopwatch, map, compass and notepad you drive in your third-hand Alfasud to some woods in the next county.

As you run through the empty landscape, it starts to rain and you step in a pool of liquid mud. Brambles tear at your tracksuit. Was this such a wonderful idea?

But in two hours you're back in the car with the heater full on, one trainer full of mud and a desperate need for a cup of tea.

Still, you've planned another day's training.

6.00 pm

Your bed has been made and your room cleaned but your dirty clothes are a matter for you and the regimental washing machine.

Exhausted but with a quiet mind you sit down to write a report on a Corporal who's asked permission to apply for a commission.

His career could depend on what you write. You're thinking deeply, pen poised, when there's a knock on the door. It's one of your brother officers looking disgustingly fresh.

"You haven't forgotten we're playing squash before supper?" he enquires. "Not tired are we?"

The Corporal's application will get better attention in the quietness of the evening.

Meanwhile, there is someone who deserves a good thrashing on court.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Basques are now ready to govern

Madrid — The Basque regional Government was finally ready to begin functioning yesterday, after more than three months of bargaining, following elections in that troubled region (Harry Debelius writes).

Symptomatic of the difficulties of forming a coalition was the fact that the Basque branch of the Socialist Party separately announced the names of its members in the new Government yesterday in Vitoria, the Basque capital, while the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) deferred its announcement until later. The complete list showed that six departments are to be headed by the Socialists, who got the most votes in the November elections, and six by members of the PNV, the runner-up.

12 die in mud-slip

Lima — Twelve people have been killed in mud-slides and flash flooding, the worst seen here in 20 years, the fire department said (Michael Smith writes).

Four mud-slides swept down on Lima on Monday *night, damaging* more than 100 homes, knocking down power lines, blocking the main road, the fresh-produce supply line, and causing flooding in two central city neighbourhoods.

The Government has ordered rationing of the water supply for the city's six million inhabitants.

Missile entente

Britain and France are in "complete agreement" over their attitude to the Soviet proposals on medium-range missiles talks, Mr George Younger, the British Secretary of State for Defence, said yesterday (Diana Geddes writes).

Like France, Britain was "glad to go along with efforts to get a deal" on the abolition of longer-range intermediate nuclear forces in Europe, provided that it included constraints on shorter-range missiles and verification arrangements which were clearly spelt out, Mr Younger said.

£500,000 reward offer

Stockholm (Reuter) — Police hunting the killer of Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister shot dead in a central Stockholm street a year ago, yesterday announced a ten-fold increase in the reward for information. It has been increased from 500,000 Swedish crowns to five million crowns *(£500,000) to try to encourage people to come forward.*

The original reward has been criticized as being derisory and insuffient to persuade anyone to risk informing on the killer.

Farmers do well

British and West German farmers did better than any of their EEC colleagues last year, largely because of increased production and declining labour costs (Jonathan Braude writes from Brussels).

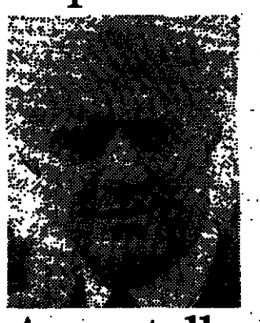
Figures reveal that real agricultural incomes in Britain rose by 4 per cent, second only to West Germany's 8.7 per cent.

Strike hits Sicily trial

Palermo (Reuter) — Several hundred lawyers at Italy's biggest Mafia trial, involving 450 alleged gangsters, went on strike yesterday in protest against an extension of the hearings to six days a week, court officials said.

The lawyers say the new timetable will no longer allow them time to engage in other legal gactivities.

Explosion mars visit



Mr Edvard Shevardnadze, *left, the Soviet* Foreign Minister, opened talks in Phnom Penh yesterday after a visit to Laos was marred by a bomb explosion in Vientiane (Reuter reports from Bangkok). The bomb killed a Laotian outside the Soviet cultural centre. It's apparent purpose was to embarrass the secretive Government of Laos, which is closely aligned with Moscow's ally, Vietnam.

Arms talks schedule

Geneva (Reuter) — The United States and the Soviet *Union yesterday opened a special session of talks on curbing* medium-range nuclear missiles with a preliminary meeting that set out a brisk pace for coming days, a US official said.

The official said negotiators decided at yesterday's session to meet three times a week — Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — with possible additional sessions at the request of either side.

No more details filtered from the closed-door talks, and it was not clear how long the latest INF discussions would last.

Victoria the sensual monarch

From Charles Bremner
New York

Queen Victoria was a sensual woman who loved sex and was nothing like the puritan she was reputed to be, according to a new biography by an American scholar.

Mr Stanley Weintraub says his book, *Victoria: An Intimate Biography*, to be published on March 30 in London and New York, draws on letters and diaries that emerged in the past 20 years to conclude that "Victoria in many kinds of ways was not a Victorian.

"I hope that I am breaking new ground. *The aim is to talk* for the first time about the woman that I call a working mother." Reciting exhaustive detail, Mr Weintraub depicts the Queen as a wilful, selfish, volatile woman with a taste for low-brow entertainment and a robust physcial appetite.

"She enjoyed sex, *it is* clear," Mr Weintraub said. He cited a letter the Queen wrote to her daughter, Vicky, advising her on her forthcoming marriage that her wedding night would be "a foretaste of heaven".

Her own wedding night was described in an "ecstatic message" to the Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne,as "the most gratifying and bewildering night".

Mr Weintraub, a Victoria scholar for 30 years, describes the devastation that Prince Albert's death inflicted on her.

He says Queen Victoria's reputation as prudish and revolted by the physical side of marriage stemmed from misunderstanding. For example, he says her famous advice to Vicky on the torments of marriage was a reference to the physical aftermath of childbirth, not sex.

Teachers spoil Chile celebration

From Lake Sagaris
Santiago

President Pinochet of Chile celebrates the sixth anniversary of the military junta's new constitution today, amid growing unrest among teachers and a controversy involving the powerful Roman Catholic Church.

The school summer holidays ended last week, and as millions of children returned to school both national teachers' organizations held brief work stoppages and other activities to protest at the current state of Chilean education.

In one of 30 schools forced to close down because of layoffs about 40 teachers defied the authorities by gathering to formally open it for the new term. A busload of riot police cleared the area, arresting Señor Jorge Pávez, the President of the Professional Association of Teachers (Agech) and several of his colleagues.

The military Government says that more than 5,000 teachers were laid off during the summer break, but teachers' leaders say the figure is closer to 8,000.

Officials say the layoffs were necessary to balance the budget and eliminate surplus teachers. But Señor Pávez says that the registration rates have fallen considerably faster than the drop in the birth rate.

Recent remarks by Mgr Carlos Camus, Bishop of Linares, *have helped to touch off* a crisis in church-state relations.

In an interview in the Sunday edition of *El Mercurio*, Mgr Camus said the military regime "is defined by an immense immorality, even though it may have good *intentions*".

UK and the Iron Curtain

British policy can improve the East bloc, says Howe

From Andrew McEwen, Budapest

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday embarked on an ambitious effort to convince Eastern Europe that the British Government's economic policies could work for Communist states.

In the main speech of his official visit to Hungary he urged the Soviet bloc to allow market forces to operate, and argued that this was not incompatible with socialist principles.

Sir Geoffrey said that higher living standards were not the only benefit that could flow from a change of policy. A greater aim would be to allow increased trading links to act as the guarantor of East-West peace.

His speech was seen as a foretaste of the line that Mrs Thatcher and he are likely to take when they visit Moscow on March 28.

It found an immediate echo from Dr Peter Varkonyi, the Hungarian Foreign Minister. He said that Budapest had begun economic reform in 1968 and had recently reassessed its policies.

Dr Varkonyi added that the policy changes had involved painful adjustments complicated by unfavourable international conditions. Despite this, Hungary had chosen democracy and economic liberalism.

Hungary has moved much further than other Soviet bloc countries, permitting disguised unemployment, the closure of inefficient industries and bankruptcies, and allowing the private sector to flourish. It has joined the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

These changes undoubtedly prompted Sir Geoffrey to use Hungary as his platform. "It is only by pressing ahead with these reforms that you will be able to protect your living standards," he told the Hungarian Academy of *Sciences*.

"Other socialist countries have been much slower to consider reforms of this kind. Nevertheless, I detect that the mood is starting to change.

"Mr Gorbachov has frankly admitted the grave economic problems facing the Soviet Union."

Sir Geoffrey said he was not embarrassed to present the British Government's record as an example to the Eastern bloc.

"The British economy suffered from chronic labour immobility, overmanning, over-regulation, complacent management, and over-powerful, short-sighted trade unions. The cumulative effect was to stifle initiative and investment, to encourage ruinous strikes and to breed inefficiency.

"One by one different industries were snuffed out. Some people became completely defeatist. Yet in the past eight years we have been *able to turn that round.*

"For the first time in eight years we are out-performing our major competitors in many sectors."

Sir Geoffrey said that the logic of free markets was not a British invention or simply a Western vision.

"Countries of all political persuasions are realizing that the market cannot be treated as an optional extra.

"The key benefit is not simply economic but political as well. The market constantly reminds the public and governments on the need to change. Societies which reject the market are also rejecting change."

Turning to the wider political benefits, he said that if buoyant trade could be achieved between East and West Europe there would be less mutual suspicion.

"But a major obstacle remains: entrenched ideological resistance in some of the socialist countries to the internal and external logic of market forces."

Later Sir Geoffrey said he received an encouraging reaction from some academics.

A Western diplomat told *The Times* that reaction had *varied between enthusiastic* acceptance and outright cynicism, with some treating Sir Geoffrey's address as an election speech aimed at a domestic audience.

Moscow eager to greet Thatcher

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

The Kremlin yesterday publicly confirmed the high importance which it is attaching to the visit here later this month by Mrs Thatcher, the first by a British Prime Minister since Mr Harold Wilson held talks with the late Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, exactly 12 years ago.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman, told a press conference at the Foreign Ministry that Moscow was hoping the visit would lead to a breakthrough in Anglo-Soviet relations, an improved political dialogue and progress in various aspects of international disarmament.

The unprompted declaration, nearly three weeks before the visit is due to start, was sufficiently strongly worded to convince even those sceptics in the diplomatic corps who have privately been suggesting that the importance of the Thatcher-Gorbachov talks was being overplayed in London for domestic political purposes.

*The warmth of Mr Gera*simov's carefully chosen remarks took some West European diplomats by surprise. Their positive tone was seen by political observers as likely to increase concern inside the Labour Party that the trip may prove a considerable boost to Mrs Thatcher's electoral standing.

Mr Gerasimov said that the part of the talks devoted to Anglo-Soviet co-operation would follow the lines of those between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov in London in December 1984, when the "basic contours" of an accord were reached. "It is hoped in Moscow that the forthcoming talks will give a tangible impetus to the effective development of bilateral relations in diverse fields," he said.

British businessmen based in the Soviet capital are hopeful that the visit will be marked by the announcement of at least one substantial British export order, and the establishment of new Anglo-Soviet joint ventures under new laws recently introduced here to liberalize trading relations with the West.

British sources said last night that Mrs Thatcher was not expected to be accompanied by her husband.

● PARIS: Mrs Thatcher will hold talks on security matters with President Mitterrand in Paris on March 23, just before her visit to Moscow.

Helping glasnost, page 12



Syrian soldiers keeping watch on a pro-Iranian militia stronghold from a Beirut rooftop. The Syrians, who moved into the city on a peace-keeping mission on February 22, have not yet penetrated these Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs.

Syrians seize 19 in raid on campus

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

For the first time since their arrival in west Beirut last month, Syrian troops have raided the campus of the American University, taking away 19 students, most of whom were associated with the *Druze Progressive Socialist* Party. Six of the undergraduates were later released, but the raid in the early hours of yesterday provoked considerable disquiet in the city.

Only hours after the incident there were three dynamite explosions in west Beirut, one of them opposite the King's *Hotel in the Raouche district where* Syrian intelligence agents are believed to be living.

No-one was hurt in the explosions, which are unlikely to be connected with the university raid. But there is a growing sense of unease in west Beirut that the Syrian military presence may soon encounter real opposition.

Syrian Special Forces soldiers entered two male dormitories at the university with a list containing more than 25 names — a familiar procedure when Syrian units embark on an arrest operation here. Nineteen names were checked off the list and the students were taken away in their pyjamas.

Students said later that no weapons had been found on the campus even though the Syrian raid had lasted five hours.

The six students who were later released said they had been questioned about their political activities.

Both Amal and Druze militia have supporters on the American University campus and so does the Hezbollah (Party of God) movement, which has expressed its opposition to the Syrian deployment in west Beirut.

Accused Prague jazzmen applauded

From Richard Bassett
Prague

Scores of young Czechs and Slovaks cheered and applauded members of the disbanded Jazz Section as they were led handcuffed out of Court 57 yesterday after preliminary hearings.

Those who had gathered outside the dingy courtroom in the Prague Palace of Justice clapped for more than 10 minutes, to the noticeable discomfort of uniformed and plain clothes policemen.

The trial, which is expected to last until tomorrow, is the culmination of attempts by the Czechoslovak Government to curb the activities of the Jazz Section.

Yesterday, apart from Jazz Section members Vladimir Kouril, Joska Skalnik, Cestmir Hunat and Tomas Krivanek, the section's chairman, Karel Srp, was also in the court.

Of the seven members of the section arrested last September, only two, Milos Drda, the 74-year-old treasurer, and his nephew, Vlastimir Drda, were not present. Both are reported to be seriously ill. None the less, they were tried in their absence.

The prosecution was led by Mr Petr Snajda, a state prosecutor usually employed in murder cases. He read through the indictment at great speed.

From what Mr Snajda said, it appears that the state's case against the Jazz Section rests heavily on the allegation that Mr Srp and his colleagues were engaged in exploiting the cultural organization for "personal profit". More than 440,000 crowns (£33,000) are alleged to have made their way into Mr Srp's and his colleagues' pockets. After October 1984, when the section's assets were frozen by the state, Mr Srp is alleged to have used large sums for his own ends.Mr Srp denied this.

Moderates and hardliners in the Government, while differing in their expectations of the outcome to the case, seem to be anxious for the affair to be over as soon as possible and certainly before the visit here next month of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

Report attacks asylum policy

US accused of bias in granting refuge

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Allegations of ideological bias in the way the Reagan Administration grants political asylum are given overwhelming credence in a new study of requests for sanctuary from Poles, Iranians, Nicaraguans and Salvadoreans.

Critics have persistently claimed that the Administration is reluctant to give asylum to Latin Americans or Caribbeans, and that the whole process is subject to political considerations. It has long been assumed that *applications are favoured* from refugees from the Soviet bloc and other countries seen as ideological foes, rather than from allied or friendly nations.

In 1984, according to the General Accounting Office (GAO), the congressional watchdog, acceptance rates were 66 per cent for Iranians, 49 per cent for Poles, 2 per cent for Salvadoreans and 7 per cent for Nicaraguans. The four countries represent by far the majority of applications.

Although Nicaragua is certainly an ideological foe, the low numbers of approvals *from there might reflect fears* of a flood of applications, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mr Arthur Helton, of the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights, a pressure group, said: "A poorly-prepared Polish application has a better chance than a well-prepared Salvadorean one."

The State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) strenuously denied any bias. Mrs Laura Dietrich, a deputy assistant secretary in the department's Bureau of Human Rights, remarked: "The law does not say you have to have a percentage of approval for every nationality."

But in a speech on the Senate floor, Senator Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvanian Republican who asked the GAO for the study, said he was troubled by the findings. "It is my strong sense that the statistics raise a presumption of bias against Central American applicants."

The study, which did not draw conclusions from its findings, nevertheless noted *that differences persisted even* when the refugees' claims of persecution were similar.

Those who said their lives had been threatened, or that they were tortured or imprisoned for their beliefs, had approval rates of 3 per cent (Salvadoreans), 7 per cent (Nicaraguans), 55 per cent (Poles) and 64 per cent (Iranians), respectively.

Excluding several thousand, applications not yet acted on, the totals by country were: 8,537 from El Salvador, 6,182 from Iran, 6,064 from Nicaragua and 1,229 from Poland.

Arms dealer duped US officials for $10 million

Washington — Mr Adnan Khashoggi, the millionaire Saudi arms dealer, yesterday admitted he tricked the US Administration into reimbursing him $10 million (£.3 million) by inventing a group of angry Canadian investors who threatened to disclose the Iran arms deal (Michael Binyon writes).

Mr Khashoggi said in interviews with *The New York Times* that he played "games within games" with Mr William Casey, the former director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and other US officials.

He bamboozled FBI officials by telling them that his financial records were buried in the sand under seven hills in the Saudi Arabian desert. The FBI wrote to the Saudi ambassador in Washington to try to recover them.

He said federal investigators had been able to find and freeze only six of his bank accounts, totalling $60 million in assets.

The New York Times said Mr Khashoggi's claims could not be confirmed by Administration officials, though they admitted he tried to mislead them about his financial records.

German liberals flex their muscles

From John England
Bonn

Herr Helmut Kohl, returned to power in the West German federal poll in January, will be elected Chancellor by the Bonn Parliament today, after five weeks of tough negotiations between his centre-right coalition parties over their future government programme.

The election will be a formality because Herr Kohl's team has a 45-seat majority over the Social Democrat (SPD) and Green opposition parties.

The conservatives' clout within the coalition, however, has been somewhat blunted by a surprisingly good performance from the liberal Free Democrats (FDP) in January, compared with embarrassing losses for Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) partners, led by Herr Franz Josef Strauss.

This gave the FDP more power in the coalition talks which it used tactically. The liberals, for example, teamed up with the CSU to win tax cuts from a reluctant Herr Kohl, but forced the Bavarian party to back down on some extra tightening of internal security laws.

Herr Kohl was expected to make a minor Cabinet reshuffle and announce his new government team shortly before his election. Herr Strauss *told reporters that Herr Kohl* had offered him a choice of the finance, defence and interior ministries if he wished to join the new Cabinet, but it was unlikely that he would take over any of the posts.

West German foreign policy, steered since 1974 by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West's longest-serving foreign minister, who is also Vice-Chancellor, remained , untouched in the coalition talks.

Outwardly, therefore, there will be barely a join to be seen between Herr Kohl's new and old governments.

The main changes in domestic policies, as well as the tax reforms, include amending the West German Basic Law to incorporate the protection of the environment as a state goal, and a package of measures to fight terrorism.

Gorbachov faces trial of strength in third year

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov begins his third year in office today after a remarkable period in which he has transformed the Kremlin's power balance, revamped the Soviet Union's international image and created a new atmosphere inside the country — but has so far conspicuously failed to overcome the entrenched bureaucratic resistance to his ambitious reform programme.

Although few could have predicted when he took over from the late and little lamented Konstantin Chernenko that change would come so rapidly and over such a wide spectrum, the first doubts have begun to set in on whether Mr Gorbachov, despite his undiminished energy and drive, can succeed in the herculean task he has set himself.

As one Soviet admirer put it: "The battle is now on to see whether he can crush the opponents embedded in the system."

Hardly a day now goes by without his enthusiastic supporters in the official media — perhaps the most radically transformed area of Soviet society — making critical reference to the internal resistance to his reforms and appealing to the public to support the cause.

So far, his main support comes from two groups, the intelligentsia and women. "I can say without shame that every night, before I go to bed, I pray for him," one Moscow intellectual told a surprised Western friend.

Her main fearwas that Mr Gorbachov would suffer the same fate as Mr Khrushchev in the 1960s: overthrown because the pace of change he was forcing was too great for a country noted for its inertia.

Despite the much-trumpeted promotion of *glasnost* (and the string of Soviet disasters it has exposed) judgements about the political balance inside the party are still better made by private assessment of nuances rather than statements of attitude.

Because of the deliberate risks that Mr Gorbachov has taken by the sweeping nature of his plans, and the bleak future they promise to millions of officials and apathetic members of the country's notoriously idle work force, there are still very many citizens hedging their bets, unwilling to become too closely identified with "Gorbachovism".

● The battle is now on to see whether he can crush opponents embedded in the system ●

Mr Gorbachov, whose 56th birthday slipped by without official recognition last week, has himself identified the problems which he faces with an acuteness and repetitiveness that has earned him the derogatory nickname "balalaika" ("because he always plays the same note").

As he pointed out during a recent tour of the nationalistically sensitive Baltic region, his vigorous pursuit of *perestroika* (reorganization) has led to a "revolution of expectations" which the Kremlin must satisfy to prevent widespread discontent.

The difficulty in attempting to assess the precise strength of the Soviet leader's position as he embarks on this third, and by his own admission most difficult, year is that resistance to his three main goals of modernization, liberalization and democratization is mainly passive.

"You do not think that anyone really opposed to the Gorbachov line is likely to come out in public and say so?", exclaimed Pavel Havlov, a leading author from the Soviet Far-East recently introduced to a group of Western reporters. "That is not the way our society works."

One of Mr Gorbachov's main assets during his first two years at the helm has been the sheer age of those hanging over in positions of power obtained during the discredited Brezhnev era. More than two-thirds of government ministers have already been replaced and a vigorous anti-corruption drive has seen the sacking of thousands of officials.

The problem has now arisen of finding people of sufficient calibre to replace them and of forcing the reluctant middle-level of the bureaucracy to implement reforms passed at the top.

Pravda last week invoked the authority of Lenin to add weight to Mr Gorbachov's drive for change.

In the run-up to Wednesday's second anniversary, a number of contradictory signals have emerged which have been taken as proof that his most far-reaching measures, such as the pardoning of some of the best-known dissidents like Iosif Begun, are meeting a tougher new strain of resistance, notably inside the KGB which has an estimated 600,000 citizens on its payroll.

The recent beating-up of peaceful Jewish demonstrators and the support that the thuggery received in a number of ominously-worded Tass articles indicated that the backlash had wide support.

Another sign that the honeymoon is over has been the recent relaxation in Moscow of the stringent anti-alcohol regulations that have been the most controversial and widely resented of the Gorbachov reforms.

While the extraordinary transformations in Soviet cultural life brought about under the influence of Mr Gorbachov and his artistically minded wife, Raisa, have been generally well-received (although the recent emergence of skin-head-type gangs, known as Lyuberites, is regarded as a sign of a backlash in this direction too), his efforts to shake the economy out of the doldrums and force home the need for individual responsibility have been less well-received.

"When there is not a war on, an unrelieved diet of blood, sweat and tears is not easy to sell," one diplomat observed.

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Showdown in pressroom over advertisement on plight of detainees

Supreme Court bars police from seizing Johannesburg paper

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Supreme Court yesterday ordered the police to refrain from seizing all copies of *The Star*, Johannesburg's evening newspaper, which carried an advertisement publicizing the plight of people detained without trial.

An urgent application for an injunction was submitted to the court by the paper after two security policemen visited its premises yesterday morning armed with a warrant for "the seizure of any edition" of the newspaper in which the advertisement appeared.

There were dramatic scenes as pressmen and foreign television crews gathered in the *The Star*'s basement machine room and watched the presses roll while the paper's editor, Mr Harvey Tyson, and his assistants argued their right to print the offending matter with the police.

The advertisement, placed by the Detainees' Parents' Support Committee (DPSC), first appeared in *City Press*, a paper written mainly by and for blacks, last Friday. The police then issued a notice that any further publication of it would violate the state of emergency regulations.

The version carried by *The Star* in all editions yesterday was slightly amended on legal advice, and omitted a paragraph calling "on all concerned people to demand the immediate and unconditional release of the thousands of South Africans incarcerated in cells throughout our country".

When this was pointed out by Mr Tyson to his security police visitors, it appeared to confuse them. In the end, they departed with only one copy of the first edition.

Soon afterwards the Supreme Court delivered its restraining injunction. The court also ruled that the advertisement, as printed, did not contravene the emergency regulations. The police have been given until March 24 to show reason why the restraining order, which is temporary, should not be made final.

South Africa's Commissioner of Police, General Johann Coetzee, said his force would investigate allegations of police torture of detained children and would lay charges if necessary (AFP reports from Johannesburg).

The advertisement urges "people in all communities to act in solidarity with detainees" by observing "a national fast from sunrise to sunset" tomorrow, which it dubs "National Detainees Day", and by lighting candles tomorrow night. It also calls for next Sunday to be observed as a day of prayer for detainees.

In a trenchant editorial printed on the paper's front page, Mr Tyson said South Africa was moving towards a situation in which the country would have to be acknowledged to have "fallen into the category of police state". He also raised the question of whether candidates in the coming white election would be "safe from the awesome powers of the security police", and whether they would be free to demand the release of detainees, and, if they did so, whether newspapers could report what they said.

The Star, with 200,000 copies sold daily, has the biggest circulation of any daily newspaper in the country, and celebrates its centenary this year.

The emergency rules prohibit the publication of any news or comment about "the release of a person who is detained", but there is nothing which says specifically that it is an offence to call, in general terms, for the freeing of people held without trial.

Oddly, the same edition of *City Press* in which the advertisement first appeared carried a separate notice calling for the release of Mr Moses Mayekiso, a well known black trade union leader. The police, however, did not raise any legal objection to this advertisement, though they did issue a statement yesterday saying that Mr Mayekiso was not being held without trial, and had been charged with sedition. Spectrum, page 10



Mr Harvey Tyson (right), editor of *The Star*, Johannesburg, and executives looking at the edition which police tried to stop because it carried an advertisement about detainees.

Pretoria attempts to clean up tarnished reformist image

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg

The South African Government is mounting a campaign to refurbish its tarnished reformist image in the face of criticism that the ruling National Party has lost its way and has nothing new to offer on the crucial issue of political rights for blacks.

After months of seeking to appear even more conservative than extreme right-wing political parties, still seen in Pretoria as the main threat at the white general election on May 6, the change of tack has been signalled in speeches by two leading Cabinet ministers this week.

At an election meeting in the Norwood suburb of Johannesburg on Monday night, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, declared: "It is dishonest and a lie to allege that reform, innovation and adaptation have come to an end. We are moving ahead to true democracy."

Monday's issue of the Afrikaans daily *Beeld* carried details of a speech by Mr F.W. de Klerk, the Minister of National Education, to a closed NP meeting in the Innesdal constituency in Pretoria, in which he admitted that the Government's present policy on black political rights was "on the rocks".

The paper, whose account of the meeting was almost certainly personally approved by Mr de Klerk, the Transvaal leader of the NP, said he had made an "earnest acknowledgement that the old system that had served well over decades no longer worked", and that decisive changes were required if "big trouble" was to be avoided.

"We dare not drag our feet over this issue," Mr de Klerk said.

It was no longer tenable for a white minority to rule over a black majority. A more conservative government, Mr de Klerk said, might "possibly keep the lid on the pot for another five years. But after that, the pot will explode and blow us and our future into the air."

The "old system" referred to by Mr de Klerk is the right of blacks to vote in elections to legislative assemblies in their allotted tribal homelands, coupled with a limited say in the running of local authorities in black urban areas outside the homelands.

"After 14 years in Parliament, nine of these years as a minister, I can tell you we tried hard to make this work. But we have now come to the realization that it cannot work. Our theory is on the rocks. People want a vote where they live."

What Mr de Klerk was saying was not in itself new, though its tone was surprisingly frank, and its timing significant at a juncture when Pretoria stands accused of backtracking on reform by former members of the NP now running as independent candidates.

The Government has publicly acknowledged for some time that for urban blacks the right to vote in a distant homeland, in which they have never lived and to which they are linked purely by the accident of tribal affiliation, is virtually meaningless.

In recent speeches, President Botha has repeatedly talked of setting up a super-parliament or council of state, to which the different race groups would send representatives via separately elected political structures.

The *Beeld* article does not say so, but it is understood that Government constitutional planners are looking at the concept of "concurrent majorities," whereby any legislation passed by a council of state would have to be approved by a majority of each race group.

Maputo praises British military

From Jan Raath
Harare

"The British are back." These words were uttered last June by the late President Samora Machel of Mozambique as he brandished a rifle before a gathering of junior officers.

But far from exhorting his men to take arms against the Queen, he told them that the rifle he held could kill and the British knew how to use it. The trainees at the Nyanga battle camp in eastern Zimbabwe were to listen closely to their instructors or be kicked out of the Army.

The regard in which the British soldier is held approaches the legendary in the southern African frontline region. Vividly recalled is the occasion last year when Mr Machel seized a British officer by the arm, jabbed him in the ribs and ardently recommended him to another frontline president: "Get yourself one of these".

The British Military Advisory Training Team (Bmatt) in Zimbabwe helped to unite three opposing armies into the Zimbabwe National Army after the liberation war.

By the end of April, 240 young Mozambican officers, with an apparently scanty background of Soviet training, will have completed basic British training.

In May, Bmatt is to double the intake of Mozambicans to 120 every three months for a three-month course in a programme that Britain is committed to continue until the end of 1988.

Observers believe that enthusiasm for British military ways will soon prompt further requests for help.

Brigadier Robert Hodges, aged 51, who for the past two years has been Bmatt commander in Zimbabwe, leaves Harare tomorrow for a tour of duty as commander of land forces in Northern Ireland.

Yesterday he told *The Times* that the Mozambicans arriving at Nyanga had only "very, very basic and limited knowledge". According to sources at the camp, this means they often do not recognize a map or compass.

They are trained to the level of command over a platoon of 30 men, and half of them fail, the brigadier said.

But he added that he found it encouraging that Mozambique's senior commanders and political leaders were "not deluding themselves and saying everything is fine". Mr Machel, before he died in an air crash inside South Africa on October 19, told him that he wanted his men trained "to British standards, and not Mozambican standards".

The agreement between the British Government and Zimbabwe forbids Bmatt personnel from being involved in operational duties, but Brigadier Hodges says the Zimbabwe Army is clear that its 10,000-strong presence in Mozambique is not on "short business".

He also warned that the 46,000-strong Zimbabwe National Army, which has grown out of the Rhodesian Army's command structure designed for 7,000 men, was facing "a pretty important crossroads" and needed "considerably more senior officers".

"It is heavily committed in Mozambique, and has a continuing commitment to law and order in the south of the country," as well as building up its new Sixth Brigade, he said.

Killer faces move to France

Jerusalem — A convicted murderer must be extradited to France unless stronger reasons are put forward for allowing him to stay in Israel, the High Court of Justice ruled here yesterday (Ian Murray writes).

William Nakash, a French-born Jew, was convicted *in absentia* of the murder of an Algerian Arab in Besançon in 1983. France asked for his extradition, but in December Mr Avraham Sharir, the Justice Minister, refused.

He said the prisoner would be in danger of his life from the large Arab population in French jails.

Donation to shuttle fund

Chicago (AFP) — Morton Thiokol, the US company that built the booster rockets blamed for the Challenger space shuttle disaster, has given $100,000 (£63,000) to an educational charity set up by the families of the shuttle's dead astronauts.

Mr Hugh Marks, a Morton Thiokol official, denied that donation was made out of a feeling of guilt, and said it was being given as part of the company's policy to promote scientific education.

Peking peek

Hong Kong (Reuter) — China will allow more of its people to see Hong Kong before it reverts to Peking rule in 1997, the official China News Service has said.

Sikh deaths

Delhi (AFP) — Sikh militants shot dead a Sikh police officer after a shopkeeper had been killed in the northern Indian state of Punjab, the Press Trust of India reported.

Druze dies

Jerusalem — A Druze woman, Rayil Farhad, aged 50, has died from a bullet wound in the head suffered when police breaking up a pro-Syrian demonstration fired into the crowd.

Nidal trial

Rome (Reuter) — An Italian investigating judge has ordered three Arabs, including the guerrilla leader Abu Nidal, to be tried for the attack on Rome airport at Christmas in 1985 in which 16 people died, judicial sources said.

Wheeler dealer

New York (AFP) — The chauffeur for the Norwegian Ambassador to the UN has been arrested by federal agents and accused of selling cocaine from the diplomatic car.

Rapists killed

Goiania, Brazil (AFP) — About 3,000 people stormed a police station in the town of Goianesia and killed two rapists, police said.

Drug charges

Sydney (Reuter — Five people, including a senior customs officer, were charged yesterday with smuggling millions of dollars of heroin from Islamabad hidden in footballs.

Cold comfort

Copenhagen (Reuter) — Two bear hunters in Greenland drifted on an ice floe for a week before being rescued unhurt, the Danish daily *Politiken* reported.

Search for peace in Afghanistan

Moderates pin hope on King

By Hazhir Teimourian

"What difference will it make if, after a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, when the leadership of the land will be in our hands, two or three Communists are allowed to be in the Government?"

The rhetorical question qualifies Professor Sibghatullah Mojaddedi, one of the leaders of the Afghan resistance, for the title of the most moderate among his peers, though he is himself wary of the description.

"Surely, the most important aim must be to get the Russian Army out of the country," he said yesterday during a brief visit to Britain. "When the Russians have left, then we will be able to determine the overall colour of our Government through a Parliament that would represent all our various races and regions."

In trying to get a unified response among the Mujahidin to Soviet overtures on a phased withdrawal of their troops, the leader of the National Salvation Front of Afghanistan is frustrated by the fundamentalist factions of the resistance, which see Marxism primarily as a Western creed to be fought by Islam to the bitter end.

Professor Mojaddedi said he did not know whether the Russians had been in touch with the King, but he said that the King was the only person acceptable to the great majority of Afghans.

Professor Mojaddedi, whose family has large numbers of religious followers among Afghanistan's two main linguistic groups, the Persian and Pashtoon speakers, is also believed to be popular among the country's middle classes, who are nervous about the Khomeini-style declarations of the fundamentalist Mujahidin.

According to some observers, he is the leader with the best chance of emerging as a future President, should his efforts to pave the way for the return of the King come to nothing.

"Russia is a superpower," he said, "and no superpower likes to be seen to be defeated by a poor little country such as ours. We must make it as easy as we can for the Russians to remove their soliders from our land."

Progress on troop withdrawal

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

Two weeks of further indirect negotiations between Afghan and Pakistani delegations to resolve the Afghanistan problem have "very considerably narrowed the gap", according to Mr Diego Cordóvez, the UN intermediary.

"While distrust is still evident, they are both moving in the right direction," he said. While declining to specify what gaps remain between Pakistani and Afghan-Soviet concepts of the withdrawal of Russian troops, the difference is now understood to be "less than a year", with Pakistan saying seven months and the other side talking about 18 months.

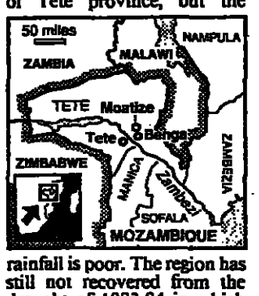
Negotiations, obviously approaching the stage when they would finally become direct, are provisionally scheduled to resume in two months, after all parties have digested the outcome of next month's Moscow meeting between the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

Refugees hungry but safe from war

From Paul Vallely, Benga, Mozambique

Acre after acre of maize is withered in the fields around Benga, a village in the north of Mozambique. It stands brown and brittle, bearing no food for the local people or the large influx of refugees from neighbouring war-torn provinces.

The soil is good in this part of Tete province, but the rainfall is poor. The region has still not recovered from the drought of 1983-84 in which 100,000 died throughout Mozambique.



Yet areas like Benga are the only places available in which tens of thousands of refugees can now be settled. South of the River Zambezi the climate may be arid but the land is safe from the depredation of the guerrillas of the Mozambican National Resistance. North of this great river the land is fertile, but the South African-backed rebels are active.

For a while in 1985 after a rebel incursion the village was deserted. But intensive MNR activity elsewhere brought a flood of refugees to whom Benga looked comparatively safe. About 5,000 settled here. Now the Mozambican authorities have brought 1,150 new refugees.

"It is better than the other places," said Mrs Irene Antone, who spent three months in a camp in Malawi. "It is fresh here. There are trees. When the Government brings food, we have enough. Often there is none, but we can get a few soft berries which grow on the ground."

But in reality there is not much to be said for Benga. The water comes straight from the Zambezi. It is a murky grey and gives most of the refugees diarrhoea, which without treatment can be fatal to children.

The village health post is ill-equipped. All it had that day were a few aspirins and, bizarrely, a large box of intravenous penicillin which the poorly-trained health workers were using to treat everything.

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France comes to Tamil Nadu

From Michael Hamlyn, Pondicherry

The Paris newspaper, *Le Figaro*, called them "the 16,000 forgotten Frenchmen", but the French citizens of Pondicherry are finding that they are far from forgotten. Indeed, they are in the throes of being courteously wooed by politicians from metropolitan France, for they all have votes in the forthcoming presidential election, and many of them have relatives in France too.

M Raymond Barre, the former Prime Minister of France, has just been to this remnant of French imperial dreams in India. Four senators have also been within the past few months. No doubt more distinguished visitors are on their way.

Pondicherry town, on the coast of the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu has, at least in those streets on the seaward side of the canal that divides the old city, the look of a sun-bleached provincial capital in the south of France. Arches and pillars painted ochre and white decorate the more stately buildings. Walls 30 in thick and peeling shutters mitigate the tropical heat.

Police in red kepis, street signs in blue and white, and occasional shop names — Maison Honesty, Nouveau Bon Ami Restaurant — complete the outward signs of the former chief town of French India.

But the people seem unremittingly Tamil. There are, it is true, some distinguished former French government servants here, and some French-educated Pondicherrians who feel an obligation to work here, but the bulk of the French citizens have very little cultural link with France. Many speak no French at all.

"We have very much difficulty communicating with them," said one metropolitan French expatriate sadly.

There are advantages to having French citizenship, of course. The main one is experienced by the young men who go to France at the age of 18 and join the Army. After 15 years' service they can retire, and enjoy a pension of 3,000 francs (£300) a month — 6,000 rupees, or about three times what an Indian government clerk can earn in full-time employment.

No one with French citizenship is allowed to starve. The jobless are maintained by a social security system — not quite of European standards, but unparalleled in India — which will allow them 800 rupees (£60) a month.

It is no wonder, therefore, that there is a demand for French papers. There are 6,000 Pondicherrians waiting to have their citizenship papers granted.

Pondicherry and three other tiny French enclaves in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh and, farther south, in Tamil Nadu joined the Indian union in 1954, under a treaty which was signed eight years later.

A referendum in the other major French colony, Chandernagore, merged it with West Bengal before Pondicherry and the other fragments joined India, and a referendum was supposed to have been held here, too. It never has been because, the French feel, the majority of Pondicherrians would wish to keep themselves separate.

They have a high standard of living to defend. Mr M. O. H. Farook, the Chief Minister of the tiny territory (incidentally the only Muslim chief minister of a Congress government in the country), is proud of their achievements. "Our *per capita* income is the highest in India," he said. "It is more than Punjab's. We have taken electricity to every village. Every village has an approach road. In medical facilities, what India wants to achieve by the year 2001 we have already achieved."

When the former Janata Prime Minister, Mr Morarji Desai, announced that he wanted to merge Pondicherry with the surrounding state, there was an outcry, and people took to the streets. This was just what Pondicherrians had always feared. Even the civil servants resisted: under Tamil Nadu they would be much less well paid than in a separate territory.

Now the thought of merger is remote, but Tamil Nadu is coming to Pondicherry instead. In the past 20 years the population has doubled, and the French tone has been further diluted.

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Rift over Israeli spy case

American Jews outraged by 'Jerusalem betrayal'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

An angry row has broken out here between American Jews and the Israeli Government over the Pollard spy case, threatening to take US-Israeli relations, already strained by the Iran affair, to their lowest point for many years.

US Jews are accusing Israel of arrogance in its relations with the US, of betraying the American Jewish community and of eroding the basis of US relations with Israel.

Jewish columnists in both *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* have called on Jerusalem to punish the Israelis involved in the Pollard case, even suggesting that the massive US economic aid should be cut off. One writer in *The Washington Post* yesterday said: "If the relationship were a marriage, it would be heading towards the rocks.

"Israel is taking both the US and the Jewish community for granted," Mr Richard Cohen said. "The Pollard case is a nightmare-come-true for American Jews. In Pollard, the Israelis created an anti-semitic stereotype — an American Jew of confused loyalties who sold out his country. Indignation and shame are felt in equal measure."

Mr Jonathan Pollard, an American Jew, was sentenced to life imprisonment for spying for Israel.

A revelation that he betrayed more secrets than any other traitor in the past generation, has shocked America and especially its Jewish community. But what has angered them more is the refusal by the Israeli Government to hold an inquiry

Indignation and shame are felt in equal measure

and its promotion of Colonel Aviem Sella, the former air attaché here, indicted by a US court for "running" Mr Pollard.

Mr William Safire, a US Jewish conservative columnist in *The New York Times*, wrote that the Pollard case had dealt a "terrible blow" to the security of Israel by jeopardizing its relationship with its superpower ally.

"Jewish Americans feel doubly betrayed. Most of us are offended first as Americans at the spectacle of having our foreign aid dollars used to buy US secrets ... We are betrayed again by the easy exploitation of Mr Pollard's Zionism by Israeli spy-masters linked to the immorality of inducement to treason and the consequences of getting caught."

Mr Safire called on Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr Shimon Peres, his predecessor, to hold an inquiry. He said the Israeli Government had displayed "moral cowardice" in stonewalling and promoting the man responsible. He even suggested that if Israel refused to take steps to discipline those responsible, the US should slash aid to Israel, amounting to $4 billion (£2.5 billion) last year.

Such a suggestion, coming from a prominent supporter of Israel, is indicative of the anger here at recent Israeli policies.

Although the Reagan Administration and the Tower report have played down the Israeli role in initiating the sale of US arms to Iran, many people have been angered by what is seen as Israel's exploitation of its close relationship for its own policy ends.

In a critical leading article *The New York Times*, a paper strongly supportive of Israel, denounced Mr Shamir's recent request to the US to stop giving special status to Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union to ensure they went directly to Israel.

It said there was "something distasteful" about suggesting that the US should bend its traditions of refuge to spare Israel the discomfort of seeing Soviet Jews settle elsewhere.

"Mr Shamir's timing is, to put it gently, clumsy, coming smack on the heels of Israeli involvement in the Iran-Contra affair and the Pollard spy trial," the paper said.

But these political disagreements have provoked renewed debate on a fundamental argument within the Jewish community: whether Jews were under an obligation to emigrate to Israel. Rabbi Jacob Neusner, a conservative teacher of Judaic studies at Brown University, wrote in *The Washington Post* at the weekend that America was now a better place for Jews than Israel.

Rabbi Neusner said American Jews, who had now become Jewish Americans, were made to feel guilty about living in the US and were expected to fear for their future, taking it for granted that a full Jewish life could be lived only in Israel.



Tibetan women demonstrators in Delhi carrying placards and shouting slogans to mark the 28th anniversary of the uprising against the Chinese, after which the Dalai Lama fled into exile in India.

About 500 Tibetans marched through the streets of the Indian capital yesterday, urging the world to intervene (Reuter reports from Delhi).

The marchers, some of the 100,000 refugees who have left their own country since China invaded in 1951, held a rally close to the offices of the President and Prime Minister. Some tried to break through police barricades.

Student protests cripple Dhaka

Dhaka (Reuter) — Police fought running battles yesterday with students attempting to bury a leader who had been killed in a bomb blast as a nationwide protest strike, punctuated by hundreds of bombings, paralysed Bangladesh.

The student leader and two companions died on Monday when a bomb exploded in a university building.

Witnesses said police used tear gas and made baton charges yesterday to disperse the students at a cemetery near Dhaka University. They said students threw stones and bottles at police.

Mr Abdul Mannan, the university vice-chancellor, was injured in the clash.

The strike was called by students, and backed by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, to protest against higher transport fares. It turned into a demonstration against the Government of President Ershad, who told a rally near the capital that the cities and towns had been "forfeited to hooligans".

Banks, offices and shops were closed during the eight-hour stoppage, vehicles stayed off Dhaka's streets and opposition members refused to go to Parliament.

Trains moved irregularly but airport officials said domestic flights left on schedule.

Knesset may force Pollard inquiry

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

A backbench all-party alliance is beginning to emerge which wants to force an inquiry into the so-called "Pollard Affair", despite the refusal of Israel's three most senior politicians — the "Club of Prime Ministers" — even to consider such a thing.

The move is gaining force inside the Knesset, which yesterday debated four motions of no confidence over the affair, with only Mr Haim Corfu, the Transport Minister, on hand to answer for the actions of the Government.

Many members saw this as a slight and further proof of the way that the "club" — Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, and Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister — is frightened to make public what it knows about the way in which Mr Pollard was recruited in America to spy for Israel.



Mr Ariel Sharon: Alleges lack of US information.

The affair is to be raised by several ministers at today's meeting of the 10-member inner Cabinet.

The "club's" strongest support is likely to come from Mr Ariel Sharon, the Trade and Industry Minister, who claimed this week that Israel had given the United States all the intelligence information it had and had not received in return all the information it required.

Appearing before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on Monday, Mr Shamir angered Mr Abba Eban, the chairman, by the way he refused to discuss the affair. "The fact that the Government will not hold an inquiry does not obligate the Knesset and this committee to refrain from holding an inquiry," Mr Eban said later.

The Knesset committee does not have the power to force anyone to give evidence. However, if a majority of the Knesset vote for it, they can turn the committee into a parliamentary commission of inquiry, which would have the full powers of the state commission the "club" wants to avoid.

'Ivan the Terrible' trial

Murderous sadism of camp 'devil'

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

There were many macabre jobs in the Treblinka death camp and Mr Yehiel Reichman had done most of them, according to the story he has told to the war crimes trial here over the past two days.

Yesterday he explained how a year after his escape, in August 1943, he had written his memoirs of the camp in a diary. Of all the evil names, he said, the one he then remembered most was that of "Ivan the Terrible".

"I carried this devil within me," he said. "I saw him every step and all the time. All the day I saw his murderous sadism ... all his heinous deeds."

Mr Reichman described how "Ivan" had once drilled a hole in the backside of a prisoner and warned that if he cried out he would be shot.

Coming unsteadily to his feet, the 72-year-old survivor pointed across the court at Mr John Demjanjuk, sitting in the dock. The defendant, he said firmly, was "Ivan".

Mr Reichman said he had been chosen on his arrival at the camp in 1942 to sort clothing. On the second day he had found the frock of his sister, who had travelled there with him, and he tore off a piece of it to keep. He wept as he described how he had stopped his sister eating the food they had with them on the train, telling her to keep it for a long journey. "I can't forgive myself that for the rest of my life."

He volunteered to become a "barber", who had to remove the hair from women with only five cuts of a pair of scissors. He remembered how one woman pleaded with him to go slowly so that her daughter, behind her in the queue, could catch her up so they could die together.

He recalled one hysterically laughing girl who told the weeping women to stop crying so that the guards would not see they were afraid to die.

From the barber's shop he was posted to the extermination area, first pouring sand on to the bodies, stacked neatly head-to-toe to take up as little space as possible.

Then he was sent to work for weeks pulling the bodies from the gas chambers, learning that it was impossible to drag them from the bottom of the pile because they were so closely entangled.

Occasionally when there were fewer transports, Mr Reichman said, the guards would "celebrate" by sealing prisoners into the chambers for 48 hours and leaving them to suffocate slowly without any gas. The bodies were blackened and locked together in one solid mass when the chambers were opened.

Finally, he said, he became a "dentist", one of a team of six who had to pull out the false and gold teeth from the corpses. Twice he was punished for missing a tooth, once with 25 and once with 70 strokes of the whip.

When the dentists finished each batch they had to clean the teeth and sort them into piles of gold, platinum and even diamonds. He estimated that every week the dentists handed over a suitcase containing 10 kilograms of gold to be shipped back to Germany.

Standing out from all the horror was the personality of "Ivan". Mr Reichman described how he would rush to beat prisoners with a length of iron piping, or cut off their ears and shoot them, or make naked girls stand freezing in the snow outside the gas chambers. "That was what he lived for. That was his pleasure in life," Mr Reichman said.

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Source for the table: Central Statistical Service, South African Ministry of Home Affairs. Asia figures include Israel.

White people are fleeing South Africa on an unprecedented scale. Many are glad to be out, some have found the going tough in their new homes, others have gone underground to fight the regime

It is an exodus with its own lexicon. To those who remain behind, it is, disparagingly, "the chicken run". Its favoured destinations include "To Run To", also known as Toronto, and "Lower Houston", a codename for the Texas oil town based on Lower Houghton, a wealthy Johannesburg suburb.

It has even borrowed the initials of the moderate Progressive Federal Party, to create a cynical new sobriquet — PFP, or Pack For Perth.

In the first 11 months of last year, emigrants totalled 12,721 (see table) — exceeding immigrants by 6,200. It was only the fifth "deficit" year since the end of the Second World War, but the four other such years provide a salutory indicator as to what makes the white South African run: 1950, two years after the Afrikaners came to power; 1960, the year of the Sharpeville massacre; and 1977 and 1978, in the aftermath of the early Soweto riots.

The exodus is very much a brain drain, a seepage of the talent South Africa badly needs. More than 47 per cent of last year's emigrants were in the "professional, technical and related workers" category: doctors, educationists, technicians, metallurgists.

These vanishing skills belong to people like engineer Christopher Davis, who went to Australia with his wife Pamela four years ago. They have found the new life an uphill struggle, but Davis says: "Just to be able to look at the future without worrying about the children makes it worthwhile."

Mike Williams, aged 24, took off from Cape Town in a different direction — to England, where he is pursuing a theatrical career with Sadler's Wells. He says: "People who talk about imminent revolution have obviously never lived in South Africa. They'll fight to the last man."

And, in America, no fewer than 202 South African doctors are licensed to practise in the state of Texas, although they are extremely reluctant to talk publicly about their experiences there.

The flight of the whites is not entirely about professional people just looking for a calmer environment; the exodus has also created a *demi-monde* of young men on the run, earnest and articulate people like Keith, Stephen and Shaun, who, from a shabby office above a canal in Amsterdam, work for the Dutch anti-apartheid committee.

They are draft dodgers, cut off not just from their country but also from their families, who in many cases have stayed in South Africa and regard their children as traitors.

"We are not pacifists," Keith says, above a hammer of typewriters turning out newsletters. "What we object to is joining an army which is defending not a democratic state but an untenable political system."

Some 40,000 South Africans hold a Dutch passport, and as many again have the right to apply for one. But fewer than 1,000 South Africans live in the Netherlands and no great increase is expected — on one extreme because EEC policy favours *reform from within South Africa*, on the other because many South Africans think the Dutch are too liberal.

The countries most favoured by fleeing South Africans include Britain, for obvious reasons, but although it is statistically the favoured target the figures can mislead because so many South African residents — about 300,000 — already hold British passports; so it is difficult to separate returning expatriates from South African emigrés.

And an unknown number have come to Britain only to leave again for somewhere else. Erhard Flick, a lawyer, and his wife Anne came to England in 1976, but four years later, with job prospects for their three teenage sons looking bleak ("they were turning into thugs"), uprooted themselves again.

Their destination, Australia, is a favourite one: there are 38,500 South Africans there, drawn by climatic and other *similarities. More than 5,200* South Africans went to Australia in 1985-86, nearly four times the previous year's figure.

Patrick Webb, a 41-year-old investment advisor, says that in six months he has settled into Sydney life and enjoys the vigour of local business activity. South Africans and Australians, he says, "are rough and ready people who *get on very easily together*".



Destination Britain: Neville Gabie "realized the uselessness"



Destination Australia: Pamela and Christopher Davis



Destination Netherlands: Stephen and Keith fled the draft

When Christopher and Pamela Davis returned to South Africa for a holiday recently, they found an "extraordinary" change. "Everyone seemed so fearful, talking about leaving," Pamela said. "When they learnt we had made the jump to Australia, *all they wanted to know* was how we had managed it."

But the Australian influx is creating its own tensions. South Africans are limited in what they can take out of the country, but there is much talk in Australia of smuggled krugerrands and illicit property and currency deals.

Australians have a joke about South African "boat people": when they arrive they claim to have nothing — a week later they own a boat.

Some politicians are not amused, claiming that racial tension is the invisible baggage accompanying some immigrants. There have been questions in the Australian parliament about the country becoming a "sanctuary" for *racist whites, and there was a* bizarre case in Adelaide when a South African social club disintegrated over whether opposition to apartheid should be written into its constitution.

Across the Pacific in Texas, none of the South African doctors contacted by *The Times* would talk publicly about their new life, but they are clearly encountering few difficulties obtaining licences; the American Medical Association says that South African training has a "sound reputation".

It would be facile to conclude that the South African white exodus is a protest vote against apartheid; it is partly that, but there are more prosaic, if related, reasons.

Some, like Neville Gabie, found the impetus for departure in a single incident. Gabie, studying at the Royal College of Art in London, walked in to a small-town police station near Johannesburg 10 years ago to report an accident. What he found there — a black drunk being made to dance on a table while police beat him with sticks — brought him up short. "You suddenly realize how totally, totally useless you are in a situation like that", he says.

Many white South Africans who have come to Britain — which a generation ago would have been the automatic retreat for most of them — came because of their passport entitlement or through having relatives in the UK. Often they have become disillusioned here; some are out of work.

One accountant in his late twenties, who declined to be named, said he came to England early last year but "I'm not at all sure I made the right decision". Apart from the inferior climate, he felt England was regarded as a "second-rate nation about to become a third-rate nation. It may be unfair, but that's what a lot of people think."

Ann Pogrund, born in Wales, went to South Africa as a child. She and her husband, Benjamin, came to London a year ago, their move triggered by the closure of the *Rand Daily Mail*, which had been the only mainstream media voice against apartheid. Ben Pogrund was its deputy editor.

Ann had a growing reputation as a painter in South Africa; she is finding it harder in Britain. Her "glamorous" idea of London changed when she began house-hunting. "I was looking at very grotty, stuffy, nasty little houses that were terribly expensive," she says. "It was very shocking."

Less money is not the only lingering problem after a life in a privileged environment. An accountant's wife admitted sheepishly that she was having trouble adapting to life in Britain without a servant. "I don't think I'm cut out to clean toilets," she said.

Reporting team: Marcel Berlins, John Best, Ray Kennedy, Guy Ker, Richard Owen, Stephen Taylor and Christopher Thomas.

Result: Hanna romps home

Thanks to the exit poll, tomorrow's by-election result at Truro will be old news to TV viewers

If the exit poll had not existed, it might have been *invented specially for Vincent* Hanna. In fact it comes from America, where Hanna has worked, but its arrival in Britain is inextricably bound up with the rotund *Newsnight* reporter, ringmaster of the by-election media circus now encamped in Truro for tomorrow's vote.

Political junkies, intent on waiting up until the last gasps of the returning officer, may regard exit polling as the political equivalent of avoiding the result of a football match only to hear it shouted over the garden fence five minutes before *Match of the Day*. The rest of us, however, can now go to bed at a sensible hour, safely in possession of the winner's name; and for that, Hanna, aged 46, can take some of the credit.

Hanna has covered more than 50 by-elections, dating back to the mid 1970s, but he pinpoints 1979 as the year when, thanks to the introduction of light, cheap, electronic cameras, by-elections emerged as media events.



Vincent Hanna: the polls have only a slight influence, he says

Since then, working with the *Newsnight* election unit and a clutch of academics, he has helped to pioneer a revolution in polling techniques, among which the exit poll — a refined, scientific sample of voters leaving the booths — is merely the most notable.

Not surprisingly, given his vested interest in the matter, Hanna has no time for the argument that pre-election polls should be banned during by-election campaigns, dismissing as a "politician's answer" the assertion that the polls won Greenwich, the circus's last stop, for the Alliance.

All the research shows that polls have only a slight influence on the electorate, Hanna says; he points to Portsmouth South two years ago, where an NOP survey three days before the voting put the Alliance in third place with Labour challenging the incumbent Conservatives. The Alliance still won.

Polls, Hanna says, simply uncover shifts of opinion, usually a few days after the event. Very few Tories in Greenwich, he believes, made their decision to back Rosie Barnes on the basis of the polls.

Nicholas Wood

What did your father do in the war? One son found the answer by tracking down the French Resistance

Appointment with the past

Ex-RAF sergeant John Miller was reticent about his wartime experiences. In fact, it was not until he died in 1968 that his son Graham finally learnt from a diary the bare facts of the remarkable nine weeks his father spent behind enemy lines before escaping.

"I was just 20 at the time," Graham says, "but I resolved that one day I would go to France and piece together my father's experiences." Tomorrow the story of courage and hair-raising escapes which he ultimately uncovered with the help of his friend, travel writer Paul Atterbury, will be told in a BBC2 *Forty Minutes* programme, *The Quest for Sergeant Miller.*

Sergeant Miller's drama began on the night of Wednesday, June 28, 1944 when a Halifax bomber took off from Pocklington, Yorkshire, to join a raid on south-east France. Miller was the flight's navigator. Near Beauvais the seven-man crew came under fire from a German fighter and had to bail out. Sergeant Miller, then aged 21, separated from the others, hid for two days, then knocked on a farmhouse door and was taken in.

The next day Yvonne Logan, a Resistance worker, called at the farmhouse. She gave him identity papers, kitted him out in civilian clothing and moved him to another house. It was the first move of a desperate struggle by the Resistance to keep him ahead of the German search parties.

"For one move," Graham says, "a Madame Bouteille, a doctor's wife who had two small children, met him at a railway crossing to guide him to her house. Just after they left, a German patrol set up at the crossing and started examining everyone's papers. They had got through by the skin of their teeth.

"On another occasion he stayed at the house of a French woman who was having an affair with a German. One evening, the German called and they all sat down to dinner together. Not a word was spoken. After the meal, the German solemnly shook my father's hand in farewell."

It was a Resistance man named Bruno Radziminski, a Polish tailor, who was the star of Sergeant Miller's narrowest escape. Bruno commandeered an ironmonger's lorry and hid Miller and two other airmen in the back. They were stopped by a German patrol, who demanded to know what Bruno was carrying.

"Mines", said Bruno. Then, as the Germans raised their rifles, he calmly opened the back of the lorry and took out pieces of black-market beefsteak. "Mines for the stomach," he said, tossing one each to the soldiers. They were still laughing when he drove on.

Bruno, now in his late seventies and living in Beauvais, is still vibrant and barrel-chested. When Graham showed him the photograph from his father's identity card, Bruno took him by the shoulders and said quietly over and over again: "But you both are just the same — like two drops of water."

Graham's mission of discovery was made possible by one vital clue. The RAF Escaping Society in London was still in touch with Yvonne Logan. She lives in an old people's home between Le Havre and Rouen and was able to lead Graham to Madame Bouteille. From there, the story unfolded.

"The Society is funded only by a dwindling number of surviving escapees," Graham says, "but it still sends cards and, where necessary, money to all the people it knows of who helped our airmen.

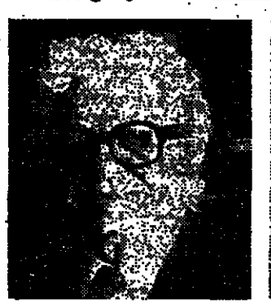
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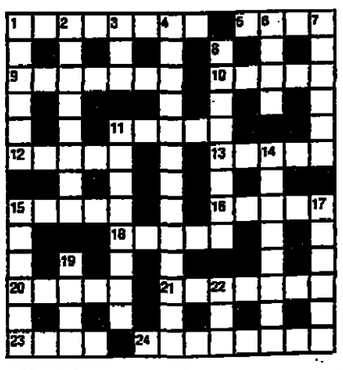
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

A chance for a chat with father

Last week at RTE's studios in Dublin Rhonda Paisley invited Ian Paisley to be a guest on *Saturday Live*. Deirdre Fernand was in the audience to watch the family at work

"Sweet suffering Jesus," said the young Dubliner who drove me to Radio Telefis Eireann. "It's a disgrace she was ever allowed on our television." Moments later in the studio audience I heard a more charitable voice. "I'm here out of curiosity; I want to see if she's got two heads."

They were talking about Rhonda Paisley, the 27-year-old daughter of Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist MP, who last week hosted a chat show in Ireland — RTE's *Saturday Live*. There has been much talk over pints of Guinness in the Republic; in Northern Ireland Rhonda Paisley was accused of selling her Unionist heritage.

For a nation which exports words and prizes conversation, it is not surprising that Irish television produces two top-rating talk shows. On Friday night Gay Byrne's *Late Late Show* is compulsory viewing for more than half the population. *Saturday Live*, which is transmitted after the news at 10pm, is building up a similar following.

Its particular appeal is that it has no regular presenter. Paul Cusack, the producer and son of Cyril, prefers to sink novices into the deep armchairs. Explaining his choice of a Paisley, he said: "I wanted to reflect the Northern tradition of *Irish life, so I went to the top. Some* people would say over the top." Indeed they did. Before the show went out the switchboard was choked with 100 calls of protest. "What do you want with Protestant bigots?" demanded Disgusted, County Cork and Outraged, no name and address supplied.

Security wasn't tight, it was strangling. Rhonda Paisley had travelled to Dublin in a police convoy the previous night, her father and mother were escorted down the next day, followed by 25 of her friends and family. Special Branch blended into the plush lobby *of her hotel and a Gardai bodyguard* slept in the room beside her suite.

At the studios it wasn't any easier. Irish journalists, familiar faces to RTE officials, were scrutinized and there was the most cursory of photocalls. Each member of the 100-strong audience had been vetted for connections with terrorist organizations. Dogs had sniffed every inch of the building before it was pronounced clean of bombs. It was not a pleasant place to be.

Down the steps she came, wearing a tailored suit (unquestionably royal blue) and a wide smile. No, you thought, this slight girl with the soft voice can't be the daughter of The Big Man. That was until you registered the Paisley teeth and her undeniable fluency. Word perfect in her introductions, she needed no autocue and did not once look at her notes.

Growing up a Paisley, she has been used to cameras. After all, she started campaigning for her father at the age of eight and for the past nine months has been Belfast's Lady Mayoress.

When Paisley had lumbered down the steps towards the ubiquitous shapeless sofas and potted plants, Rhonda Paisley seemed to diminish in size as he bent his huge 6ft 3in frame down to kiss her. For a moment, neither could believe they were embracing on prime-time Irish television. He had promised RTE to be on his best behaviour — not to use the show as a political platform.

Talking about his religion, he kept his voice low. "I don't have any political ambition. It was amazing that I was ever elected. I have a simple faith in the Saviour . . . Amid the uproar I have joy and blessed peace."

There were no fiery words from the preacher, no fireworks even when he touched on the Anglo-Irish agreement — simply because there was nobody to answer him back. Nor did his daughter interrupt him.

By the time the musicians struck up and the floor manager wound up the show, another 300 calls had been taken. A handful were complimentary, the rest critical. They ranged from the old "I'm-never-paying-my-licence-fee again" to "Paisley's appearance is an insult to all our patriots who died in 1916".

Still, if she hadn't charmed 300 of *the show's estimated one and a half* million viewers, Rhonda Paisley certainly won over her studio audience. They cheered, they whistled, they declared her a natural. "I admire her courage in coming," said my neighbour, as he clapped enthusiastically.

The only criticism afterwards was that Paisley's daughter had revealed nothing of herself. Was she force-fed politics at the breakfast table? Did she have opinions of her own? Did anybody ever get a word in at home?



'It was amazing that I was ever elected. I have a simple faith... Amid the uproar I have joy and blessed peace'

Ian Paisley

The next morning, without the make-up and the smart suit, she sprawled on the floor of her hotel suite in trousers and sweater to talk about herself.

"It wasn't just politics at the breakfast table. It was at lunch, tea, dinner and all the times in between. We were always encouraged to think for ourselves and not to swallow his beliefs. He wanted a lively discussion. Between the ages of 13 and 15 I questioned everything. It's very difficult when your father's a public figure, because for *pure devilment you want to do the* opposite."

Not one of Ian and Eileen Paisley's five children has, in fact, strayed from the path. Sharon, Rhonda's older married sister, teaches Sunday School like all the others. The younger sister, Cherith, aged 21, works for her father and twin boys Ian and Kyle, 20, are studying at Queen's University and theological college respectively.

Rhonda Paisley lives at home with her parents in East Belfast in a house that has bullet-proof windows and two armed guards round the clock. "I can't ever remember *not* knowing what my father was doing. Of course some things hit me as a child. The IRA bombed our holiday cottage near Newry and we didn't go back. *Our own house has been* attacked many times. Hardly a fortnight goes by without threats to the family, but I have never felt insecure. If it's home and your parents are there being supportive and taking time to explain things, you do feel secure."

After attending the local school she studied fine art (and the Bible, of course) at the Bob Jones University in South Carolina, where strict rules meant no holding hands or kissing in public.

Her speech is sprinkled with the vocabulary of evangelism. She talks of having a personal relationship with Christ and of being saved. The small voice gets bigger. Marriage to someone, a Catholic for instance, who didn't understand those concepts would be impossible.

Now, when she is not carrying out her duties as Lady Mayoress, she works at a drop-in centre she has set up in Belfast for 200 young people who have dropped out. Half are Catholics, half Protestant and yes, she takes the Catholics home to tea *with Dad.*

She is glad to play her part in the male-dominated world of Northern Ireland politics and, in his treatment of women, considers her father a good feminist. Though it is hard to think of Paisley in yellow washing-up gloves, she assures me he helps in the house.

Does she share all her father's views? "On Ulster politics, yes — but we would disagree over other matters." Such as? Here she stumbles for the first time, knits her brow, and eventually says: "Well, he doesn't like earrings . . . and I still wear them."

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Courage and conviction: Rhonda Paisley, secure in her beliefs

Orphans in a second home

Relatives usually care for children who lose their parents — but both sides need help

Gill Carstens took in her brother's two sons after he and his wife were killed in a car crash nearly three years ago. She already had a two-month-old baby girl and a three-year-old son when her nephews, then aged 15 months and six, became part of her family.

"We had agreed informally to take each other's children in the event of an accident of this kind and obviously I wanted *to honour the arrangement.* But I had no idea how overwhelming their demands would be, or how your own children can be virtually ousted.

"The situation would have been a lot easier if my brother had put the arrangement in his will, but like many people, he didn't get round to it. At one stage my husband came home in tears because the lawyers had accused him of being motivated by money."

Few couples address themselves to the question of what might happen to their young children in the event of their death. Disasters on the scale of the Herald of Free Enterprise are rare — but about 5,000 people are likely to die on Britain's roads this year. Traffic accidents are among the main causes of death in the 20 to 40 age group — the people most likely to have young children. And husbands and wives often travel together.

What should responsible parents do to make provision for their children? Jenny Kuper, a solicitor at the Children's Legal Centre, believes that informal agreements between friends or relatives are not enough: "Guardianship is one of the oldest and messiest bits of family law, and it is important to get the arrangements formalized.

"One of the best ways of doing this is by setting out in your will exactly who you want to act as guardian. But many people don't do this because they don't like thinking about their own deaths."

Eight-year-old Martin Hartley, who lost his parents and grandparents in the ferry disaster, will now come under *the supervision of Derbyshire* social services department — social workers have a statutory responsibility for orphans. But a senior official there stressed it was highly unlikely the boy would go into care.

"Martin has various surviving relatives, and our starting point will be with them. When a child is orphaned, even in much less well-publicized cases, a lot of people want to help. We do everything we can to support the arrangements made by friends and relatives and to relax our usual vetting procedures."

If nothing is set out in the will, family members or friends who want to take in the stranded children can apply through the courts to become guardians, foster parents or adoptive parents. However, they are now often advised instead to become custodians — a form of care established by the Children Act 1975.

Custodians are appointed by the courts and have the right to make all the day-to-day decisions about the child's upbringing, without being able to change his name or emigrate with him.

Dr Anne Jepson, of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering, explains: "Adoption involves a new *birth certificate and a name* change. But a child who has lost both his parents will find it extremely upsetting to lose his name as well. It will seem like losing part of his identity."

Dr Jepson says people often underestimate the grief felt by children who lose their parents. Apart from very young babies, most children are deeply affected for many months. Gill Carstens's nephews were involved in the crash that killed their parents and were, she says, "very disturbed. They seemed to want to push me, to behave in the most irritating way imaginable, presumably to test if I would disappear as well.

"I felt that as a competent adult I should be able to cope, and I was afraid that if we called in psychologists or social workers they would take over. In fact, I got tremendous support from the child guidance unit. I would advise anyone in the same position not to expect to be able to cope alone."

Ann Kent

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A round-up of news, views and information

On course to relax

In the United States, women appear to be trained almost from the cradle in the art of selling themselves to potential employers. But since many British women don't feel comfortable with the idea of striding into an office and announcing: "Hi, I'm Kathy and I think you should hire me", a one-day course in the art of overcoming nervousness and relaxing during interviews is one of the activities currently on offer at the City of London Polytechnic. For more information, apply to the Short Course Unit, City Poly, 84 Moorgate, London EC2M 6SQ (01-283 1030).

Charity fast

A 24-hour fast for a good cause is scheduled for March 27 by the charity World Vision, to help African nations (whose only food problem is that they haven't got enough of it) by creating long-term water projects. Richard Smith, the BBC's *Breakfast Time* doctor, says that "going without food for 24 hours is fine for a normal, healthy person, and even younger children can fast for up to 12 hours, provided you lay on plenty to drink and replace meals with juice or milk." For a sponsorship kit, phone free of charge on 0800 400 421 (24 hours), and fast.

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"Freedom requires courage for a woman and no virtue is any good without courage. I think it takes a while for a woman to have the courage of independence, but once I achieved it, I was very much happier and I'm not in the least lonely." Diana Holman Hunt, author of My Grandmothers and I, *published this week by Hamish Hamilton.*

Design duties

Pity the poor condom, first spurned as a suppressor of spontaneity, then the subject of relentless media scrutiny and now the art school students' design challenge. Geoff Fowle, a tutor at St Martin's and Central School of Art, in the belief that his third-year graphics students were of the generation which needs to overcome antipathy to the condom, challenged them to design new packaging, advertising and names.

Initially, he says, "the girls were more embarrassed than the boys, but all of them had great fun and learned to talk about condoms as everyday things"; he is now confident that his class, at least, will find their purchase and use acceptable. The relocation of condoms away from the chemist's till was one popular suggestion; proposed brand names included *Liberty, Red Hot,* Cupids, or Fowle's favourite, named Regard.

Josephine Fairley

TALKBACK

From: Frances Rimmer, Mayfield Road, Rotherfield, East Sussex.

I found Barbara Toner's article (When does a man become a father? Wednesday Page, February 25) displayed a cynical attitude to the father's role in general and to "conscience" in particular.

In a moral issue such as this, in which both the medical and legal professions appear confused, it is hardly surprising if the young man concerned should act by his own "conscience" — albeit somewhat belatedly.

Clearly, he felt that as a father he had "rights". Moreover, it seems he felt that his foetus had "rights" too, and saw his role as defending these. The fact that he took the matter through the courts with the accompanying publicity and financial risks, is surely a living example of Ms Toner's statement that a man only becomes a father "when he accepts responsibility for a baby he wants and not before".

From: Joan Langrognat, Oxford Road, Harrow, Middlesex

Barbara Toner hit the nail squarely on the head in the final paragraph of her article when she wrote the word "responsibility".

The young man at Oxford appears to have given little thought *a priori* to his responsibilities. The word "rights" is meaningless without its corollary "responsibilities".

It is clear that if you refuse one you have no right to the other.

From: Sylvia Sobernheim, Gloucester Court, Swan Street, London SE1

How fascinating to read Sally Moulsdale's article (Testing time at the top, Monday Page, March 2). How enthralling to note that Marilyn Cox is single, and that Sue Coupland is married and has a 10-month-old baby. And how frustrating not to know the marital status of Robert Devereux.

Is he being discriminated against?

From: Martin Rosenbaum, Education Secretary, Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment, London E2.

Sarah Drummond is wrong when she states in her piece (Black marks for the cane, Wednesday Page, February 25) that corporal punishment is being abolished for children whose parents are in the armed forces or diplomatic services and whose education at private schools is financially assisted by the government.

It is correct that corporal punishment is being outlawed for all children educated at public expense, which includes those with assisted places at independent schools, for example, as well as those in state schools. However, the government has decided to exclude those children where state funds are paid to the school indirectly, such as in cases where the government pays a boarding allowance first to the family, who then pay it on to the school.

There is not much logic in this, but then there is not much *logic in the first place in* allowing corporal punishment to continue in the private sector once it has been agreed that state school pupils will be protected from this damaging and degrading practice.

From: Gwenllian M. Spanner, Ivy Cottage, Main Street, Grove, Wantage

Liz Gill's article (Cry baby blues, Health Page, February 26) greatly interested me, as I find this to be quite a common *experience among mothers in* this community.

May I offer a suggestion? When I trained over 40 years ago as a midwife, it was common practice then to wrap the new born baby in a sheet about a yard square — diamond wise with top folded in — pinioning first one arm, then the other, to the sides, resulting in a neat little cocoon-like bundle. This continued the neat tight atmosphere of the *in utero* position, at the same time enabling the infant to adapt itself to the wider world. In the first six to eight weeks of life, I practised this "wrapping up" on my own babies — hence sungness, security and stability and no crying! Inevitably they fought free in time, but by then they were accustomed to life "outside".

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Leanderthal Man

The prime stretch of river bank at Henley-on-Thames occupied by the Leander Club's boater-clad members during the annual regatta is set to remain a male bastion. A referendum of the 2,500-strong sports club on whether to admit women members has elicited an overwhelming "no" vote. Indeed, the prospect of females donning the Leander's cerise colours so alarmed some members in the US that they sent their replies by courier. Though the final decision will be left to the AGM in June, a second rejection of female admission in the club's 160-year history would come as no surprise to women rowers who *fulfil the club's rigorous membership* criteria in every respect bar one. One world class rower, granted entry to the river bank only because she is married to a member, directed me to the list of reasons for supporting or opposing female membership drawn up by *the club to help its members* decide. Among the latter category: "plain pink-blooded male chauvinism".

Black humour

Anti-apartheid campaigner Archbishop Tutu has a fine line in double-edged jokes. Among the benefits that accrue to him following his installation yesterday as freeman of the city of Durham is the right to run a market stall in the city free of charge. Asked by reporters what he would sell if he *took up the option, he looked into* their beaming white faces and replied: "Bananas, of course."

Bad training

After my praise yesterday for the headmistress of Benenden, here*with a disapproving scowl in the* direction of Millfield, the Somerset boarding school which has just expelled four teenage participants in "boy-girl situations". After a weekend in London, some of its charges are becoming notorious for travelling back on the 6.05pm from Paddington. Armed with ghetto blasters, they turn the two first-class compartments into discos and decant at Chippenham, leaving them strewn with cigarette ends and sweets wrappers. Passengers who complain are advised to try the sanctity of the second-class seats.

Rich pickings

It looks as if a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Chiswick, west London, has a few things to learn *about crime prevention.* Organizers have just popped a circular through doors inviting every householder in two streets on a "get to know you" day trip to Boulogne on a specified Saturday next month. Should give the criminal fraternity a clear run.

BARRY FANTONI



'I admit, Gerald, I do admire you for giving up'

Well qualified

A day before polls open, there is some curious Oxford Chancellorship correspondence about. Asked by the Tory Oxbridge dining club, the Coningsby, who to vote for, chief whip John Wakeham has replied with a careful call for tactical voting. Saying it would not be right for him to prefer one Conservative candidate to another, he avows: "It may be considered that Ted Heath has a much better chance of defeating Jenkins than does Robert Blake, in which case it is clearly in the party's interest for Ted to receive the widest support." Meanwhile, Blake's standard-bearer, Dryden Gilling-Smith, is claiming that Blake has acted as "a spokesman for University interests in the House of Lords in a difficult period." Opponents have been scouring *Hansard* for chapter and verse. Yesterday, Gilling-Smith admitted that Blake's mastery of *precis and the evocative phrase* meant that long passages could prove elusive. One thing, though is beyond dispute: a pronouncement by Blake last year in favour of student loans puts him in diametric opposition to official Oxford opinion.

Woof justice

Sweet revenge for Angus the beagle, the Canadian agriculture department's latest weapon in the war against contaminated foodstuffs *being brought into the* country. Angus is the first hound to be employed to sniff out food, rather than narcotics or explosives, at Vancouver Airport. And one of the former stray's first catches: Victor Warren, a keeper at Vancouver dog pound. He was discovered in illegal possession of a small piece of pungent cheese, bought in Singapore.

PHS

Backsliding in the boardroom

Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, urges industry to grasp the opportunities for technological progress

In the current debate on industrial *research and development* (R & D) one aspect needs particular emphasis: the low level of R & D investment by industry in the United Kingdom.

The linkages between science and technology and economic *performance* have at their roots the process of innovation, a process in which R & D is increasingly a key feature; a view supported by the growing awareness of a strong relationship between the levels of industrial investment in R & D and industrial competitiveness. However, despite this evidence and the now wider acceptance that an adequate civil R & D base is an essential precondition for wealth creation in an advanced nation, there is concern that the current levels of *UK industry's own* R & D spending is falling below that critical level necessary to achieve an international competitive edge. Analysis of R & D spending by UK industry reveals that it funds only 36 per cent of the total R & D in this country.

An international comparison of industrially-funded R & D over the last 20 years shows that while UK levels increased by 20 per cent, those in the USA and Germany doubled. They more than doubled in France and tripled in Japan. Industry in all our major competitor countries has therefore taken a sharply different view and backed R & D with its own money.

Economic success is achieved only when science and technology are exploited in the form of competitive products and processes in the market place. With a few notable exceptions the evidence suggests that much of UK industry has failed to exploit fully the wealth of available science and technology and seemingly will continue to fail, unless it starts to address the underlying problems.

The ability of our major industrial competitors better to exploit the opportunities offered by the large international science base and our own indigenous strengths in science therefore points to the conclusion that a major UK industrial weakness lies in its management of technology.

An effective R & D capability at the level of the firm is not simply a case of providing a technical function or even ensuring that all functions in a firm have a minimum level of technical competence, but ensuring that technology is fully integrated into the organization. Ultimately, the major responsibility for this rests with the senior executives in the organization.

Of course, the process of innovation leading to wealth creation is not achieved through R & D alone, important as it is. Innovation involves all those activities needed to bring new products and processes successfully to the market place and will include R & D, licensing, product and design engineering, manufacturing and marketing, and good industrial relations. It is critical to recognize their interdependence since failure in any one could result in an inability to maximize the market opportunity.

And what of the government's role? Just as it is the principal responsibility of senior management in industry to create a conducive environment for innovation so it is the government's aim to provide a framework and climate in which business can prosper.

Although the government is fully aware of the need to secure higher levels of industrial R & D it has recognized that decisions on the nature and extent of such activity must be based on a sound commercial footing. Industry is much better placed to make these decisions. Nevertheless, there are circumstances where defects or failure in market mechanisms justify Department of Trade and Industry support for industrial R & D, i.e., where projects are particularly risky for a firm to take them on alone. Our failure to capitalize fully on a science base which has a worldwide reputation has been of particular concern to the Department.

There are limits to the contribution that governments bring to bear on the process of wealth creation and in many of the areas already indicated the primary responsibility rests with industry itself. Our competitors are already well ahead in their approach to the wealth creation process, particularly in the areas of investment in R & D and its exploitation. They will continue to increase this lead unless UK industry takes on its share of the responsibilities and responds quickly and effectively.

Richard Owen assesses the reform prospects as Gorbachov enters his third year

How Thatcher could help glasnost along



"I tell you frankly," a senior Nato officer said recently, "that Gorbachov is more attractive to people in the West than some of our own leaders. We have to meet that challenge. If we keep dismissing him as a fake liberal, if we keep saying agreements with the Russians are pointless because Moscow always cheats, we will find ourselves in a crisis with our own public opinion".

Mrs Thatcher's forthcoming trip to Moscow comes at a critical point in East-West relations, with the West trying to weigh up the right response to Gorbachov two years after he started to turn the Soviet Union upside down. His reversion to the idea of detaching a deal on Euro missiles from President Reagan's "Star Wars" project is an offer that cannot be *refused — provided* Western Europe's fears about Soviet short-range missiles and the Warsaw Pact's conventional edge are taken into account. The Thatcher visit raises other issues too: its electoral value to the Tories and the extent to which Britain is an intermediary between Washington and Moscow when both are preoccupied with domestic matters.

But the hidden theme is ideological. Mrs Thatcher is meeting a man who is changing the Soviet Union before our eyes and presents a radically new challenge in the East-West war of ideas.

Today Gorbachov will have been in power exactly two years. After a hiatus last autumn, when he faced intense opposition to his reform plans, he has surged forward with apparent confidence. *He seems determined to make* good his boast when he took over in March 1985: that a modernized Russia would prove the superiority of the communist system not by force of arms but force of example.

But there is a pitfall here, as Nato generals and diplomats are well aware: through our wish to see Gorbachov succeed in liberalizing a system whose authoritarianism had seemed set in stone, we may not only underestimate the obstacles he faces but also make a false analogy between Soviet "liberalism" and Western values.

Impressed by the new intellectual freedom — and contacts with Russians are after all mainly with intellectuals — some Moscow-watchers go so far as to argue that Gorbachov is more liberal in his own terms than Mrs Thatcher, or even that Gorbachov is trying to introduce a Thatcher-style "enterprise culture". That is a dangerous line of argument: behind it lurks the intellectual dishonesty of "moral equivalence". Gorbachov *has had only two years in which to* chip away at a political culture rooted for centuries in coercion and fear. The Gulag remains, and ordinary people still queue for basic foods in shops which are even less well stocked than they were under Brezhnev, Andropov *or Chernenko.*

In foreign affairs, there is little real progress on Afghanistan (certainly no apology for the invasion) and not much more on the Sino-Soviet front.

This is not the same as saying that the Soviet Union will never change. It is not even to say, as Arthur Hartman, the retiring US ambassador to Moscow, has said, that Gorbachov is doomed to failure. But we need to be realistic and resist wishful thinking. In *Crisis in the Kremlin,* published last autumn, I argued that the history of Soviet power struggles shows that a new general secretary has to continue fighting off rival personalities, ideas and power groups as he consolidates his position. In Gorbachov's case, the struggle would be fierce because he was seeking to introduce fundamental reforms in an attempt to catch up with the West, and because the cards were stacked against him in the form of conservatism and national inertia.

It is difficult to enter a note of caution without sounding ungenerous, which in itself shows how far Gorbachov has succeeded in creating a new image, even a *new climate.* Glasnost (openness) has brought welcome fresh air; more honesty about setbacks and disasters, more literary creativity, the airing of unorthodox ideas in the press, television and in the cinema, which is undergoing something of a renaissance; the *Stalin terror is only one previously* taboo subject now being dealt with. Gorbachov himself has called for a re-examination of the "blank pages" of Soviet history (although this has not so far included much about Khrushchev). Gorbachov's wife Raisa, meanwhile, is bringing Western fashion to Moscow.

But party censorship and control remains firmly in place, and nothing will be tolerated which challenges the party's monopoly of power. The Kremlin still has a crude and blinkered view of the West, however adept it is at playing to Western opinion. The recent gathering of writers, scientists and Hollywood stars in the Kremlin may have had some cultural value, but until Gorbachov it would largely have been seen as propaganda razmatazz involving what Lenin called "useful fools". The presence of Dr Andrei Sakharov at the "World Peace Forum" was astonishing, and in itself a measure of how far things have progressed in two years; on the other hand Sakharov's critical remarks on liberalization at home and arms control abroad were not reported *in the Soviet media.* Neither was the release of 140 dissidents under the Gorbachov amnesty, or — perhaps less surprisingly — Gorbachov's confession to Yoko Ono, John Lennon's widow, that he and Raisa rather like the Beatles.

The brutal dispersal of Jewish demonstrators during the peace extravaganza must have been authorized by Gorbachov, who could have stopped it instead of allowing ugly images of violence by the KGB and vigilante thugs to appear on Western TV screens.

Gorbachov is saying, in effect: I have opened Pandora's box, but I am ready to slam the lid down at any moment. His aim, which was also that of his mentor, Andropov, remains the stamping out of dissent rather than the reverse, and his attitude to Sakharov is *governed by the need to co-opt the* country's best brains in the cause of glasnost and perestroika (reconstruction). Time is short, yet Gorbachov must know that measures such as the limited introduction of co-operatives or family-run restaurants will not turn the economy around fast enough, and will not create growth at all as long as central control of planning, raw materials and prices remains sacrosanct.

In other words Mrs Thatcher will be meeting a revolutionary — in Soviet terms — who at the same time is still a prisoner of the system which produced him. The drawback to the release of dissidents is that it draws attention to the system which put them behind bars in the first place. The drawback to controlled press freedom is that *it highlights the limits* of glasnost. The drawback to arms control concessions is that they risk offending Soviet military interests and expose the generals' powerful role.

The West, Nato officials say, has to combine encouragement of the new detente and Gorbachov's reforms with an awareness that he might fail, and that he can be replaced, as the no less remarkable Khrushchev was replaced in 1964. When Gorbachov said during his recent Baltic tour that he believed deeply *in what he had begun and* that for him there was no alternative — a phrase likely to appeal to Mrs Thatcher, who almost has copyright on it — he was undoubtedly sincere. He has gone too far to turn back. But he added that "the other comrades" also believed there was no alternative.

In reality there are plenty of "other comrades" at all levels who are horrified by his economic decentralization plans and by his hints of further liberalization, including greater freedom of travel. *At the recent central committee* plenum, which had been postponed three times, Gorbachov was able to make only one change in the Politburo.

The old guard (not all of it aged) is still around, watching and waiting, and its instincts are the hidebound instincts of the system Gorbachov is trying to change. The fatal flaw is that they are also, to some extent, his own instincts. Soviet leaders naturally resent being lectured to, but it would do no harm if Mrs Thatcher were gently to remind Gorbachov what political liberalism and economic enterprise actually mean in the real world outside Soviet ideology.

She might even make a significant contribution to the unfolding drama of Soviet communism's welcome attempt to adapt, update and reform itself.

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Give unionists real protection

If enacted, the government's proposals for further trade union reform in the Green Paper of February 24 will be an improvement. Among other things presidents and general secretaries of the unions will not be able to avoid elections by declaring they have no vote on their executives; there will be a right to a ballot before a strike and *a right to work even* if the majority have decided not to; and there will be compulsory home postal secret ballots for elections under independent supervision.

But the machinery for enforcing the law will still be defective. The government cannot grasp the nature of the horrifying exposure to violent left-wing hostility which is the fate of union members who dare to enforce the law against their own unions.

That is why complaints to the *Certification Officer under the* 1984 Act have been rare, though nearly always well founded. It takes someone of outstanding moral courage and determination to challenge his union, apart from the lack of publicity given to how the Certification Officer can help, compounded recently for some weeks by a change in telephone number and the number in the telephone book giving the unobtainable tone.

The Green Paper proposes a new authority, a Commissioner for Trade Unions. If satisfied of the reasonableness of a complaint he would undertake the fight through the courts against a recalcitrant union, paying the legal costs and making all the legal preparations, as the Commissions for Equal Opportunities and Racial Equality do. But those two commissions are very much in favour with the left and anyone who uses them tends to be a hero in their eyes, not a villain. Using the Commissioner for Trade Unions to get justice is quite another matter.

It is not left to the individual to prosecute a rapist or a drug dealer, or to pursue a City malefactor through the courts, though the information he provides — often anonymously — may give the authorities what they need to act on. The law is the law whether it affects trade unions or anything else, and it should be for the state, not ordinary members of the public, to enforce.

It is envisaged that there will be two channels for the union member to use: the existing Certification Officer, who examines a complaint semi-judicially, and the Commissioner for Trade Unions, who would institute court proceedings on behalf of the complainant if the Certification Officer's rulings were ignored, though it is not clear whether a *choice could be made to go* straight to the commissioner at the start. This makes it all too cumbersome for the timid union member unversed in legal ways.

Last December a series of three one-day strikes at the new Selby coalfield were begun without a ballot and followed by a week's strike which ended on March 1. British Coal could have taken out an injunction to prevent these strikes, but it did not. Some miners who tried to go to work were immediately victimized. Under the government's new proposals they would have been entitled to take out an injunction to enforce a ballot before a strike. That is asking too much.

How much simpler it would be if a telephone call, with the name of the voice on the line not to be published unless he is willing, could be made to alert the Certification Officer or the Commissioner for Trade Unions of an impending breach of the law so that they could stop it in time. In practice, there is no need for a Commissioner for Trade Unions: the establishment of the Certification Officer, who already has to ensure that unions maintain proper accounting records on top of other union surveillance, could be enlarged so that he could undertake the enforcement of the *unions' statutory duties in regard* to strikes, elections, closed shops and so on.

The trouble with the government's proposals as to secret ballots is that though independent supervision will be required it is not specified who will provide it, *only that it will be accountable to* the union executives. There is no provision for numbering the ballot papers seriatim to avoid excess numbers being distributed and filled in falsely. Nor is there a requirement that candidates should be allowed to send out election addresses stating their policies and political affiliations and pointing out those of their opponents; without that most union members would remain ignorant as to who or what they were voting for.

It is argued in the Green Paper that a Certification Officer or Commissioner for Trade Unions charged with a duty of law enforcement on his own account would not get the co-operation of union officials. Enforcing the law against burglars does not require their co-operation. They are *not* in the private but in the public domain.

It is unreasonable to expect a union member to be a known and conspicuous agent for a legal case which might cause sequestration of his union funds through contempt of a court the union refuses to obey. It looks too like the government saying to the unions: "Don't blame us that the law has been enforced against you, blame your own union members."

Presumably the next trade *union reform act is intended to* eliminate imperfections in the protection of the rights of trade unionists. The current proposals will not do this.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Currying favour with that woman

Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab), a former railwayman and coalminer, yesterday prefaced a question to Mrs Edwina Currie, the Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, by asking: "Is the hon Lady aware how attractive she looks today?"

Mr Haynes' remark will be seen in the context of the campaign by Mr Kinnock and the party Establishment to dissociate themselves from the gays, lesbians and militant feminists who are thought to be damaging the party in the eyes of its traditional supporters. The aim is to convince voters that the extremists are not typical, and that Labour remains the party of ordinary, decent sexists.

The answer to the question of whether Mrs Currie was aware how attractive she looked yesterday was of course: yes. The rituals of courtship prevented such an answer. So she contented herself with raising a vast peal of laughter from both sides of the House by saying of Mr Haynes: "I think he looks pretty cute today too." Mr Haynes, aged 60, was wearing a grey suit and matching accessories.

It was heartening that Mr Haynes and Mrs Currie were able to find one another, and snatch a moment of old-fashioned, pre-Aids romance, amid a Social Services question time in which the major issue was the connection between Aids and homosexuality. Mr Haynes and Mrs Currie were the only couple *referred to all afternoon* who were of the opposite sex from one another.

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) and Mr Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge, C) suggested that the Government had minimised the extent to which the spread of Aids had mainly come from homosexuals. Mr Fowler assured the House that the next phase of the Government's anti-Aids advertising campaign would be directed at drug abusers and homosexuals. This was welcomed in many parts of the chamber, since the present phase of the campaign seems to be directed at stonemasons, do-it-yourself electric drill users, and Arctic explorers.

Mrs Currie was not involved in any of the questions about Aids. But she has a *tendency to dominate* Social Services question time. Labour members drag her name in at the slightest opportunity because they make the probably erroneous assumption that she is unpopular in the country. The progressive classes made the same mistake about Alf Garnett.

Yesterday Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) asked Mr Fowler whether the Prime Minister had a grudge against him and wanted "to punish him by putting such a publicity-crazed person into the Department of Health and Social Security".

Without hesitation Mr Fowler replied that a successful politician such as Mrs Currie says "what everybody is thinking. While unsuccessful ones like Mr Winnick say what nobody is thinking, nor would think". (Much laughter, *including from Mr Winnick).*

Mr Fowler reeled that off so unhesitatingly because it is perhaps from the standard reply prepared by his Ministry to be sent to people who submit rude letters about Mrs Currie. A whole floor in the Ministry is probably devoted to this important work.

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) took it upon herself to speak for the nation when she said that these questions about Mrs Currie showed "an excess of sour grapes among Labour members".

Certainly. Mr Winnick rather than Mr Haynes spoke for majority Labour opinion — in contrast to majority public opinion — on the Mrs Currie issue. Mr Haynes is the sort of brave elder statesman the party needs. Not that the party appreciates them. The previous evening Mr James Callaghan had made a speech opposing Mr Kinnock's policy of abandoning Trident. A series of Tory backbenchers embarrassed Mr Kinnock by raising Mr *Callaghan's* speech during questions to the Prime Minister yesterday.

She agreed with the first of these Tories that it was a good speech and very different from Mr Kinnock's defence policy. Mr Kinnock rose. The Tories were expectant. Whereupon, he talked about the balance of payments. "Aaaaaah", they cried with satisfaction, any subject, but defence. Tory questioners returned to Trident. He got up again on the economy. A difficult day for Labour. First Mr Callaghan. Then Mr Haynes undermining party policy on Mrs Currie, Britain's ultimate deterrent.

War crimes: why the Hurd way is right

At his press conference last week on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, Douglas Hurd, the *Home Secretary,* said the government would examine the relevant immigration files but he could not involve British police in an investigation. The evidence presented by the Los Angeles-based Wiesenthal Centre, which had called for action, was "sketchy", he said; further, there were no effective extradition treaties with the countries in which the crimes were committed.

Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Wiesenthal Centre was clearly disappointed. "The quality of evidence presented to Britain," he said, "had been sufficient in Canada, the United States and Australia for investigation and action."

For those familiar with Canadian and US policy on these matters, this sentence touched on the danger posed to a free society by any remaining Nazi war criminals among us. By now the elderly murderers of the Third Reich have lost all capacity to harm us in any way except one — by bending our *legal procedures, or creating new,* questionable ones, to catch them.

This has happened to some extent across the Atlantic. In 1979 Washington set up the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) to investigate and prosecute alleged Nazi war criminals in the US. One of those arrested was Frank Walus, of Chicago. Twelve Polish Jews identified him as a vicious Nazi. "I will never forget that face," declared Josef Koenigsberg. "This is the face who killed an innocent man whose only crime was that he was a Jew." But, because eye-witness evidence is less and less reliable as time passes, they had got the wrong man. The case was dropped.

In many cases, the OSI gets its eye-witness and most documentary evidence from investigators who go to the Soviet Union and agree to Soviet court procedures: the Soviet authorities determine what evidence may be seen and what witnesses are available; a Soviet prosecutor presides over the taking of testimony, conducts the proceedings and determines the extent of cross examination. Independent translators are not permitted.

According to a report in the *Los Angeles Times* last April, a Soviet official warned the US in 1983 that Moscow was trying to deceive the Justice Department through coached testimony. Whether or not that is true seems difficult to determine. What is extraordinary, however, is the willingness of the US government to agree to participate in a Soviet "court" and bestow legitimacy on a totalitarian legal system.

In Canada, the Deschenes Commission was set up two years ago to investigate the prosecution of war criminals living there. After long debate, it was agreed that Canadian investigators should be sent to Moscow only if the Russians accepted some basic rules of Canadian evidentiary procedures, such as cross examination. Moscow refused.

One can only speculate why, after nearly 50 years, Moscow should suddenly make lists of Nazi war criminals available to the West. The Wiesenthal Centre refused to specify where it gets its information, although it has been identified as coming largely from East Bloc sources. "We are simply saying as a general proposition," said Martin Mendelsohn, lawyer for the Centre, "that it comes from a variety of sources."

Soviet information could be accurate. It could also have sinister motives: to distract attention from Soviet curbs on Jewish emigration and to create dissension among emigre and Jewish communities in the West.

That has certainly happened in both Canada and the US. In the US, Jewish leaders have responded angrily to Ukrainian fears that OSI investigations are the result of Soviet smear tactics. In Canada, charges and counter-charges have been exchanged betweed Sol Littman, the Wiesenthal representative, and leaders of the Lithuanian, Latvian and Ukrainian communities. The Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, is reported to have had no idea of the tensions he would set off between the Jewish and ethnic communities when he launched the Deschenes Commission, partly in response to the urging of the Wiesenthal Centre.

There is no pleasure in the knowledge that men and women who may be guilty of murdering innocent people are reaching their old age in the orderly manner of senior citizens anywhere in the Western world. But, on the whole, there seems little alternative. Douglas Hurd's restrained reaction may be the only just response. Twisting the law to put these Nazis in jail for a few years would be a mockery.

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VALUES FROM THE VATICAN

One effect of the 1984 Warnock Report on human reproduction and medical research was to demonstrate the awkward lack of any consensus in society, among doctors and scientists as much as among laymen, on the moral status of a human foetus at the early stages of its development. In the absence of such general agreement the Government has approached the prospect of legislation with understandable caution. Not much more is known of its intentions than that a Bill may be introduced in the next Parliament, and that members may be given a free vote.

Such tests of Parliamentary opinion as there have been, for instance in the case of Mr Enoch Powell's unsuccessful Bill in 1985, showed a tendency to be more cautious than the majority of the Warnock Commission itself. A significant number of MPs upheld the view that all human embryos, from the moment of conception onwards, deserved to be protected by law from the professional curiosity of scientists, at least when the research involved experiments on, and subsequent destruction of, such embryos. Clearly many MPs share the reluctance, which is widely felt by those who give the issue serious consideration, to label a live human embryo as mere organic tissue, at our disposal in whatever way may suit us.

This moral intuition deserves closer examination; it looks to be at odds with the practice of doctors in the service of their childless patients, and at odds too with the general wish to prevent congenital handicaps in children. Yet, whenever there is the opportunity to sweep the issue back under the carpet, that is precisely what happens.

The general public does not seem to want to know. So any opportunity to consider the matter is to be welcomed, including the publication yesterday of a considered statement on it by the Vatican.

This has the merit of being an extended presentation and analysis of one of the moral poles of the argument, the opposite one from the utilitarian "mere organic tissue" opinion. It has the further merit of pushing it to extremes to see where it leads.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has taken the clear and simple line that an embryo is a human individual — or at least that an embryo has due to it what is due to a human individual — right from the first moment of its existence as a single cell. What is due to it is respect and protection: it is an entity with inalienable rights, including a right to life. Therefore it cannot be brought into existence in order to be disposed of, either as spare or after experimenters have done with it; and if it dies, if should be disposed of with the respect due to any human corpse.

That is all of a piece with the Catholic Church's implacable opposition to abortion. It is incompatible, of course, with the present philosophy behind the civil law on the status of the embryo, as recently restated by the courts, and with the Abortion Act. But it should do that philosophy no harm to be probed and tested from time to time: the last word has clearly not been said on these delicate and difficult moral questions, not least because there is evidently some continuing uneasiness in public opinion.

But the Vatican, having put forward the moral absolutist position with great clarity, does itself and its case no favour by bringing in at a later stage of the argument some interesting but unconvincing ideas concerning the nature and purpose of human sexuality. Their origin lies in the need, dear to the heart of the present Pope, to translate the Catholic Church's teaching against contraception into terms which make it more persuasive to a sceptical church and world.

It may or may not be the case that "fertilization achieved outside the bodies of the couple remains by this very fact deprived of the meanings and the values which are expressed in the language of the body", but this is, in the tradition of Catholic moral theology, a novelty rather than a knock-down argument. It is surely premature to employ it in prescriptive teaching.

It is applied not to the central issue of the status of the embryo, but as grounds for opposing *in vitro* insemination even by a husband, and it suggests that the Vatican's own position is other than a seamless piece of coherent logic. The same is suggested by its insistence that artificial insemination by a donor is wrong because it "ruptures" the connection between genetic parenthood, gestational parenthood and responsibility for upbringing. That could as well be said of adoption, which the church approves. This part of the report might have been better launched less authoritatively.

A FRIEND TOO FRANK

Mr Richard Heller, a shadow cabinet adviser attached to Mr Gerald Kaufman, published an article on the opposite page yesterday giving his personal view of his party's defence policy. Very shortly afterwards he found himself without a job.

Mr Heller may no doubt consider himself a little unlucky. His sincere advice happened to coincide with Mr James Callaghan's intervention in a Commons defence debate. (Labour's ex-Prime Minister plainly showed that he thinks as little of the present Labour defence policy as he thought of the platform adopted by the party in the 1983 election.) Nonetheless Mr Heller's abrupt departure also tells us something about the continuing doubts about defence which lurk under the glossy surface of Mr Kinnock's modernised machine.

His article was a vigorous and eloquent version of the argument which can be heard throughout the Labour party and frequently from those who, until recently, voted for it. Its second paragraph is worth repeating.

The Soviet Union has nuclear weapons deployed against Britain. In any conflict with the West it might want to use those weapons against us in half an hour. There are several ways to prevent this terrible event. The first is for Britain to posess nuclear weapons of her own. The second is to rely on allies to retaliate. The third is neutrality, the fourth surrender. The Labour Party is offering none of these choices. Instead, it appears to have evolved a warfighting doctrine in which the Soviet Union attacks us with a limited part of its weaponry, then is obliging enough to accept defeat.

There have recently been several suggestions on how the Labour leadership can revise this position into something more coherent, more defensible, and, as Mr Heller further pointed out, less likely to interfere with the issues that alone might actually win it the election. These whispers have been specific, constructive and apparently well-sourced — although not attributed to any senior figure. Mr Heller's real sin is not to have evolved some new Labour idea but to have had the courage of his convictions and to have spelt the problem out, *en clair* and without resorting to anonymous guidance.

His article addressed a problem which once might have looked as if it would go away but now will not. Labour's policy on defence is not just wrong, it is palpably frail. It has all the inevitable structural weakness of a patched up treaty designed to hide incompatible philosophies.

The work which has gone into this treaty-making is far more thorough than anything which took place within the Labour Party before the last election, but it has not been enough. The polls show clearly that Labour-leaning voters still have deep misgivings about Labour's mixture of unilateralism and pragmatism.

As this problem has become more obvious, it has also become clear that there is very little time left to contain the damage, let alone to reorganize the policy. On the same day that Mr Heller stopped work for the shadow cabinet, Mr Michael Heseltine predicted an election on May 7 (to coincide with the local government polls) and an opinion poll showed the Conservatives five points in front of Labour.

The consequence of all this is a nervous paralysis at the top of the Labour Party which is desperate to keep any rethinking of defence policy out of sight. Too much internal strife can immobilise political parties; but too little freedom to think out loud can immobilise the minds on which any democratic party depends.

WARNING: WOMEN AT WORK

When does legislation intended to protect those who are deemed to be weaker or disadvantaged become overprotection which limits their opportunities and rewards? This question, applied to the rights of women employees, has been at the centre of equal rights legislation in this country. The past week has seen two separate attempts to answer it.

In Belfast on Monday an industrial tribunal found the Royal Ulster Constabulary guilty of discriminating against 31 of its former female staff and awarded the women damages of up to £8,000 each. Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC, had argued that women policemen should not be expected to carry firearms and therefore could not perform the duties required of police in Northern Ireland. His argument was rejected and, after seven years of litigation, the women won their case.

Last week in London, however, Miss Julie Hayward, a cook at Cammell Laird Shipbuilders, had her claim for equal pay with male shipyard workers (a claim made on the grounds that she was paid less than they were for work of equal value) rejected by the Court of Appeal. While agreeing that her work could be regarded as equivalent — in terms of effort, skill and responsibility — to that undertaken by the male workers, the court argued that her *total* pay was higher than theirs, once bonuses and benefits in kind were taken into account.

From quite different starting points, the conclusions reached in the two cases were very similar. The general principle was upheld that while women employees should not be at a disadvantage *vis a vis* their male counterparts in terms of pay and conditions, they should not enjoy any advantage either.

In Miss Hayward's case it was ruled that to award equal pay without considering the additional benefits pertaining to her post would put her at an advantage. In the case of the RUC policewomen, the judge ruled that there had been a misguided attempt to protect the women. Thus their pay and their opportunities had been unfairly restricted.

In Belfast the judge took into account, and rightly condemned, the ingrained resistance in the RUC to women performing duties traditionally carried out by male officers. He also condemned the deliberate attempts that had been made to frustrate the women's ambitions by, for instance, detaching them to especially troubled areas on Friday and Saturday nights.

It might be hoped that, seven years after the discrimination occurred, attitudes have changed sufficiently to prevent a recurrence. The womens' application for reinstatement will be the test of that.

Yet neither case was quite so straightforward as the summary makes it appear. One reason why the Belfast case took seven years to resolve was that the RUC invoked special national security considerations to exempt it from the equal opportunities legislation. The inference was that the RUC, because much of its work is combating terrorism, should be considered analogous to the armed forces, where equal opportunities legislation does not apply, rather than to a civilian employer. This point may arise again.

Miss Hayward's case could have wider implications. Although she lost her claim for equal pay, the court accepted the argument that her work as a cook and that of Cammell Laird's male shipyard workers was "of equal value" and should attract equal remuneration. This leaves open the possibility that a woman could successfully claim equal pay with a man, even if the nature of her work (but not the effort, skill or responsibility required) is quite different. How far such a claim could succeed has still not been decided.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Evidence on use of antibiotics

From Dr F. R. Batchelor
Sir, I was a member of an international organising committee, sponsored by the World Health Organisation and US national institutes of health, which set up six working parties of experts to study all aspects of antibiotic use and resistance.

Our overall conclusions, reached last March, were essentially in agreement with the statements attributed to Dr John Dunne of the WHO in the first of your three articles on antibiotics (March 2-4). We concluded that there was little hard evidence to support many of the points repeated in your articles, and it was agreed that much further research was needed even to confirm some of the generally held beliefs.

The statement reportedly made by Dr Harvey (March 2) is clearly open to misinterpretation. Epidemics of gonorrhoea, salmonella and gastroenteritis can hardly be caused by "massive over-prescribing of antibiotics". Diseases result from infection by bacteria, not from the use of antibiotics. Poor hygiene and social behaviour would certainly have played a part in the epidemiology.

Some level of antibiotic resistance is the price we have to pay for the life-saving benefits of antibiotic usage, and it is to be hoped that the pharmaceutical industry will continue to be encouraged to develop new antibiotics.

Penicillin G is still a very useful antibiotic after nearly 50 years of use and ampicillin and amoxycillin are still the most widely prescribed antibiotics in Europe and the USA, some 30 years after their first introduction: hardly evidence of the crisis you suggest.

Yours sincerely,
F.R. BATCHELOR, Director,
Beecham Pharmaceuticals,
Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey.

From Dr Sebastian G. B. Amyes
Sir, Today's leading article on antibiotics (March 6) reiterated a comment, made earlier by Dr Dunne (Spectrum, March 2), that most intractable forms of drug resistance are more likely to emerge in the developed rather than the developing world because there is a higher intensity of antibiotic usage in the former. This statement is not compatible with my own studies in the developing world.

In field studies in Tanzania and India, I found that the use of antibiotics is considerably higher than in the United Kingdom; for instance, the monthly consumption of antibiotics in 1984 in the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh was 13kg compared with 30kg and a staggering 252kg in similarly sized hospitals in India and Tanzania.

The incidence of antibiotic resistance was not much higher in Tanzanian bacteria than British. On the other hand, in India, many bacteria were resistant to up to 10 antibiotics and the incidence of resistance to some antibiotics was nearly 100 per cent.

The distinguishing feature in India is that, despite governmental disapproval, antibiotics can be obtained without prescription, a practice still continued in several European countries. In a poor country, this type of access to antibiotics leads to the dispensing of small numbers of tablets, a practice almost guaranteed to promote and spread antibiotic resistance. In addition, the antibiotics that these populations can afford tend to be those very ones that are best at selecting resistant bacteria.

However, the experience in Tanzania, where antibiotics have to be prescribed, shows that the spread of drug resistance can be halted, even in the face of highly intensive drug usage, provided rigorous controls can be applied in the dispensing of these drugs.

Yours truly,
SEBASTIAN AMYES
University of Edinburgh,
Department of Bacteriology,
University Medical School,
Teviot Place, Edinburgh.

From Dr D. S. Craig
Sir, Your third leader on March 6 dealt with the prescribing of antibiotics, especially by "hard-pressed" inner-city GPs. I am an inner-city general practitioner in Leicester — though hopefully not "hard-pressed".

It is not easy for adult patients to recognise early signs of complications of minor respiratory infections in either themselves or their children, especially deprived inner-city residents. Early prescribing of antibiotics prevents serious consequences of chest and ear infections, and these are now almost non-existent. The problem is thus not when to prescribe antibiotics, but whether or when it is justifiable to withhold them.

Complications of chest and ear infections can be quite serious both for the individual as well as the community, and accordingly I regard the exercise of prevention as worth while from every point of view; this must imply early prescribing of antibiotics.

Yours faithfully,
S. CRAIG,
30 Evington Lane, Leicester.

The Wiesenthal file

From Dr Simon Wiesenthal
Sir, The author of the leading article, "The Wiesenthal file", (March 3) has taken some wrong assumptions. He thinks that a person can forgive another person crimes he did to still other persons.

No Jew is authorized to forgive crimes committed on others. A Jew can only forgive crimes against him personally. This is the point of the misunderstanding which the author allots to my actions or actions undertaken by the Center of my name in Los Angeles; he calls it "vengeance".

A murderer is a murderer, even after 40 or 50 years. The murderers of tomorrow who maybe are already born today should know what to expect, and that is that they will never find peace, no matter how much time or distance lies between them and the place of their crimes. That is our one chance to fight future crimes.

All this has absolutely nothing to do with politics. To punish crimes and not to forget them is a moral duty, and moral duty cannot be limited by time.

Sincerely yours,
SIMON WIESENTHAL, Director,
Dokumentationszentrum des Bundes Jüdischer Verfolgter des Naziregimes,
A-1010 Vienna,
Salztorgasse 6/IV/5, Austria.

R & D shortfall

From Mr M. E. Simons
Sir, Because the City seems to place particular emphasis on forthcoming profits, big and small quoted companies are deterred from carrying out research with serious implications on future profits and employment prospects. R & D costs have a particularly sharp impact on declared profits during inevitable profit downturns. Pilkington's 1986 R & D expenditure represented a quarter of profits before R & D and but for the Guinness froth that expenditure might have cost Pilkington their independence.

Fixed asset expenditure is capitalised notwithstanding whether the outlay eventually earns adequate profits. So why should industry not also capitalise research expenditure incurred to earn profits in future years as is done by some Japanese companies? Expenditure would be written off over, say, five years. Such a procedure helps companies who are boosting R & D expenditure. Effective commercial exploitation must be enhanced.

Recently published ICI profits have fallen modestly short of unrealistic expectations. But it is reassuring that R & D expenditure was up 15 per cent.

What about some Queen's birthday honours for innovative research scientists?

Yours etc,
MARTIN E. SIMONS,
24 Granard Avenue, SW15.

'Polarisation' rules

From Mr Mark Rittner
Sir, John Butterfill (March 4) is right to draw attention to the astonishing attempt by the banks and building societies to drive a coach and horses through the polarisation rules in the name of "competition". It is difficult to believe that the Office of Fair Trading will be taken in by this blatant special pleading.

There is, however, a further and even more sinister development which Mr Butterfill and his friends should consider. A number of life assurance companies, unable to decide whether to support independent intermediaries or to market through their own direct sales forces, are trying to obtain the best of both worlds by encouraging independent intermediaries to set up separate but wholly-owned subsidiaries which will act as tied agents.

Unfortunately, under the Securities and Investments Board rules as at present drafted, there appears to be nothing to prevent a tied agent and an independent intermediary being in the same ownership.

This surely is an anomaly which the Office of Fair Trading will correct.

Yours faithfully
MARK RITTNER,
Cockspur Life and Pensions Consultants Limited,
University House,
Lower Grosvenor Place, SW1.
March 4.

London orchestras

From the Managing Director of the London Philharmonic
Sir, In Mr Christopher Bishop's article (March 2) on the London Philharmonic Orchestra there are a number of factual errors which I am sure you would wish to correct.

The attendance figures for the four London orchestras at the Royal Festival Hall from the start of the season in September until the end of December were as follows: Royal Philharmonic, 80.73 per cent; London Philharmonic, 74.96 per cent; Philharmonia, 72.88 per cent; London Symphony, 47.55 per cent.

Naturally, the figures for the London Symphony are misleading as it performs primarily at the Barbican and only gave two concerts in the Festival Hall during this period.

Mr Bishop also states that we have "recently lost five key members" of our staff. On joining the London Philharmonic one of my main objectives was to bring in a younger team. Of the senior members of the team which I inherited, one has retired, one was fired, and a third left for a more suitable job. The London Philharmonic now has a fitter, younger administrative team of which it is justly proud.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILLAN,
Managing Director,
London Philharmonic Orchestra,
356 Doughty Street,
Bloomsbury, WC1.

Spelling as it ought to be?

From Lord Simon of Glaisdale
Sir, Philip Howard is an entertaining and knowledgeable writer on English language. So I was naturally pleased that he should have written (March 5) on the Lords' debate, which I initiated, on the importance of the language and the case for making it easier to learn.

But he is mistaken in writing that I advocated "teached" etc. Hansard bears out that I said that that is what children say: they are corrected, i.e., have to relearn. I immediately followed by an extract from a recent letter from an export/import agency: "We runned out of stock". My proposal for the difficulty of our irregular verbs is much less drastic. Several have both irregular and regular pasts: e.g., dreamt/dreamt/dreamed. English would be easier to learn if we used the regular form.

Generally, my plea was for economy as well as rationality. O-u-g-h is a notorious vagary. Why not the US "plow" (saving one third in work and material), the eighteenth-century "tho" (50 per cent saving), "thru" (43 per cent)?

We have no difficulty in US spelling — republications, titles of films, quotations — why not adopt it when it is more economical (as it generally is)? "Ax" goes with "tax," "tax," "wax." "Axe" is one third longer and is misleading to learners. The suffix *-or* (as in "honor") is one third shorter than our *-our:* it was used by Disraeli and Shaw.

My primary recommendation was that the mass of Government paper should use such few simple, more economical improvements. It requires no legislation. Others would follow, because it would pay them to do. Those who did not want to would be free to continue in the old way.

My suggestion of a language commission on the lines of the law commissions — the most successful institutional innovation of my lifetime — was secondary. It would ensure consultation with writers, publishers, manufacturers of typewriters, word-processors, computers etc and ensure that improvements did not create anomalies elsewhere. Like the law commissions it would only make recommendations.

Action is a duty to our children — the rate of illiteracy forbids complacency and inertia — and to those who honour and benefit us by learning English as a second language. We cannot prescribe; but we can give an example.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON of GLAISDALE,
House of Lords.
March 6.

From Mr J. R. Hough
Sir, I am interested to read on your page 1 today (March 5) that "we should reform the spelling to standardize those dreadful 'ough' words, so that we spell 'plow' the American way, and 'tho' as we did in the seventeenth century".

Some of us have been living with this problem.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. HOUGH,
12 Jetcott Avenue,
Loughborough,
Leicestershire.
March 5.

From Mr John Bott
Sir, I wonder how Lord Simon of Glaisdale, in his desire to rationalise the spelling of English, would justify the creation of such anomalies as "snow-plow"?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BOTT
Flat 9,
31 Brunswick Terrace,
Hove,
East Sussex.
March 6.

Oxford Chancellor

From Mr Andrew Graham
Sir, In his article of March 6 on the chancellorship of Oxford University Andrew Lycett twice leaves the impression that Mr Jenkins has as much if not more support than Mr Heath in their old college, Balliol.

The fact is that a very substantially greater number of the current governing body of Balliol are nominating Mr Heath than are nominating Mr Jenkins.

The true position about the support in Balliol may be of importance to your readers since many of them will know that both candidates are honorary Fellows of the college and there could therefore be a presumption that Balliol is peculiarly well placed, simply by virtue of information, to make this difficult decision.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GRAHAM,
Balliol College,
Oxford.
March 6.

Ancient history

From Mr Alan Wykes
Sir, Reviewing *Baldwin*, by Roy Jenkins, your reviewer says (March 5) Mr Jenkins has invented "a new genre of historical writing . . . based as it is largely on the published work of others."

There is nothing new about this genre. Professional writers have been working in it for years. I know: I'm one of them.

Yours &c,
ALAN WYKES,
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Reading,
Berkshire.
March 6.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 11 1946

A crowd of 65,000 attended the Bolton Wanderers-Stoke City cup-tie at Bolton, 4,500 fewer than the record for the ground. The resumption of play after half an hour was criticized at the time, but justified by the police on the grounds that without it mob scenes might have been worse

CUP-TIE DISASTER

33 CRUSHED TO DEATH

ENCLOSURE STORMED BY CROWD

From Our Correspondent
BOLTON, March 10

The worst disaster in the history of British football, in which 33 spectators of the Bolton Wanderers-Stoke City cup-tie yesterday were killed and many others were injured, is attributed to crowds who were disappointed when the gates were shut, making an unauthorized entry to the popular embankment from a railway line. The increased pressure made the spectators surge forward, two steel barriers collapsed, and the deaths and injuries were caused by crushing.

In addition to those killed, 24 men and women were taken to hospital, but only four are still detained to-day. There were 500 minor casualties treated on the Burnden Park ground by a team of doctors drawn from the spectators and voluntary first-aid workers.

Directors of the Bolton club held a meeting to-day with representatives of the police, and afterwards the manager, Mr. Walter Rowley, said:— "We have been amazed at the steps taken by the crowd to get inside the ground. Holes had been torn in the fencing at the top of the embankment in almost every conceivable place."

DOCTOR'S STATEMENT

Dr. A. P. Spark, medical officer to Stoke City Football Club, who was one of the first to help the injured, said today that the scene at the spot where the breakthrough occurred was "a horrible sight."

"There was a call for doctors, and I at once went to the St. John Ambulance room on the ground," he said. "When I reached the immediate point of the tragedy there was a heaving mass of people, some of whom were already dead. The faces of many who had been thrown to the ground bore the marks of the hobnailed boots with which they had been trampled, socks and stockings of men and women had been torn to pieces, and they were all covered in dirt. A number of the victims had been suffocated."

Dr. Spark said there was not an unduly high proportion of women among the crowd, and, in his opinion, the casualty list was comparatively light having regard to the tremendous weight of people.

In an official statement the Chief Constable of Bolton (Mr. W. J. Howard) said:—

"The admittance gates to the ground began to open at 12.30 p.m., and half an hour later all of them were open. Shortly after 2 o'clock the ground was fairly well filled. At 2.40 p.m., the police closed the turnstile gates feeding the railway embankment enclosure, which at that time was comfortably filled. When the gates were closed about 15,000 people were waiting at the town end of the ground near the turnstiles leading to the embankment enclosure, and thousands of other people, finding that they could not gain admission, left the immediate neighbourhood of the ground.

POLICE OVERWHELMED

"The railway police who were on duty on the railway permanent way overlooking the embankment enclosure and the contingent of Bolton police on duty near the boundary fence of the permanent way were overwhelmed by the thousands of people rushing to the fence. After the crowd had climbed on to the permanent way and pulled down several sleepers comprising the fence between the railway and the embankment enclosure, they climbed through the apertures and surged on to the enclosure. These thousands of people created pressure by surging forward with the result that two of the steel crush barriers collapsed.

"A few minutes after the kick-off the police on duty at this part of the enclosure found it necessary to pull down the wooden paling fence between the enclosure and the running track . . .

"In order to relieve the pressure caused by those who had effected unlawful entry, and knowing then that people were being seriously injured, the police invited the spectators at this point to come out of the enclosure on to the field, and in this way they were able to rescue the casualties and lay them on the corner of the playing pitch. A police-inspector then approached the referee and asked him to stop the game . . .

Diet-conscious

From Mr A. C. Bourne
Sir, This morning our milkman left on our doorstep a free sample of a new product. On both the carton and the accompanying leaflet were the words "Extra calcium — the natural way". These were followed by "with added vitamin D. Pasteurised skimmed and whole milk with dried skimmed milk".

While not wishing to look a gift cow in the mouth, one does rather wonder whether perhaps the language has lost some of its meaning.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. BOURNE,
18 Hunters Moon,
Dartington,
Totnes,
Devon.
March 3.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 10: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President of the Republic of Nauru visited The Queen.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened the MV Loach Project, at Lower Thames Street, EC3.

His Royal Highness was received by the Project Chairman (Dr John Philpott-Howard).

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation at Fishmongers Hall and afterwards was entertained at luncheon.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness toured the Council's new offices at Francis Street, SW1.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English Speaking Union, this evening attended a Reception, to launch a *fund-raising campaign for the* English Speaking Union, at the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Parlour, Westminster City Hall.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince Edward.

The Duchess of York this morning visited Heathrow Airport, London as the guest of British Airways, in conjunction with the British Airports Authority and the Civil Aviation Authority.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of British Airways (the Lord King of Wartnaby).

Miss Helen Hughes and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, this morning visited their offices at 10 Belgrave Square, SW1, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Director (Mr Gordon Wilson).

Afterwards The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Douay Martyrs' Roman Catholic Comprehensive School at Uxbridge, Middlesex, *in* celebration of the School's Silver Jubilee Year, and opened the Craft Design Technology Area.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Headmistress (Mrs Marie Stubbs) and the Chairman of the Governors (Father Adrian Arrowsmith).

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened the new Homerton Hospital, Hackney.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Hackney (Councillor Jim Holland) and the Chairman, City and Hackney Health Authority (Mr Evan Stone).

Afterwards The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened the new Hydrotherapy Unit at The London Hospital, E1.

Her Royal Highness was received by Dame Mary Donaldson (Patron of The London Hospital Therapy Pool Appeal) and Dr David Perry (Treasurer of the Appeal).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Master of the Worshipful Company of Carmen, this evening attended the Company's Livery Banquet at the Mansion House, where her Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir David Rowe-Ham).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was *in* attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon received the Presidents of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild at St James's Palace on the occasion of the Guild's Annual General Meeting.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 10: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Operation Raleigh, this *morning at Kensington Palace* received Mr and Mrs Patrick Ellis.

His Royal Highness visited the Tate Gallery to support the *public appeal for the purchase of* Constable's 'The Opening of Waterloo Bridge'.

Sir John Riddell, Bt. was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited The Queen's Flight at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Michael Wigley.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, attends a service in St Paul's Cathedral and unveils the Korean War Memorial, at 11.25.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the World Wildlife Fund International, attends the premiere of the WWF film *Conservation* at the ICA Gallery, The Mall, SW1, at 2.15; and addresses the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development and the All-Party Conservation Committee on the subject of 'Population and the Environment' at the House of Commons at 4.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Help the Aged, visits the Tynemouth Village Day Centre, Holy Saviour Church Hall, Manor Road, Tynemouth, at 12.00; and as Patron of Birthright, attends a luncheon, in aid of the charity, at the Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle, at 12.50.

The Duchess of York attends a gala performance of *The Count of Luxembourg* at Sadler's Wells Theatre, 7.30.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, presides at the University Presentation Ceremony at the Albert Hall at 2.00.

Birthdays today

Mr Douglas Adams, 35; Mr Terence Alexander, 64; Sir John Batten, 63; Miss Agatha Barbara, 64; Sir Kenneth Dover, 67; the Right Rev J.R.G. Eastaugh, 67; Mr D.J. Enright, 67; Mr David Gentleman, 57; Mr Jonathan Gestetner, 47; Professor T.C. Gray, 74; Miss Margaret Herbison, 80; Viscount Hood, 73; General Sir Peter Hunt, 71; Mr Nigel Lawson, MP, 55; Sir Fitzroy Maclean, 76; Sir Henry Marking, 67; Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, 62; Air Marshal Sir Alec Morris, 61; Lord Mowbray and Stourton, 64; Mr Rupert Murdoch, 56; Sir Ronald Syme, OM, 84; Captain I.M. Tennant, 68; Mr Ron Todd, 60; Sir Peter Walters, 56; Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, 71.

Appointments

Mr David Faull has been appointed Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Law Association.

Lieutenant-Colonel George West, Assistant Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, to be Comptroller in succession to Colonel Sir Johnston.

The Hon Sir Anthony Mason, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, to be an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.

WHAT DO BRITISH MONARCHS READ WHEN THEY'RE ON THE THRONE?



THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION.
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Architecture

Royal warrant for a new Renaissance

Recently it was announced that the Prince of Wales will, in May, open a debate at the Royal Academy on the motion that "this house believes that architecture is too important to be left to architects". Charles Knevitt, our Architecure Correspondent, reports on likely new developments in an age-old dispute.

When the Prince of Wales quoted Ruskin, Betjeman and an obscure classical Greek architect-sculptor called Polycleitus the Younger to an audience of 1,100 community activists at a conference in London recently, the ghost of speeches past returned to haunt the architectural profession.

The events of May 1984 were still fresh in their minds and, more dangerously, in the minds of the great British public. The Prince used that occasion, the Royal Institute of British Architects' 150th anniversary celebrations at Hampton Court Palace, to berate the profession for being out of touch with the wishes of the great majority of his future subjects.

He sang the praises of community architects, such as Ted Cullinan and Rod Hackney, and spoke about designing for the needs of disabled people. But what the speech is most remembered for is his reference to a "monstrous carbuncle" (the proposed design of the *National Gallery extension)* and a "giant glass stump" (a proposed office block in the City). Such is the power of royal opinion that shortly afterwards both projects were abandoned and have now been replaced with alternative proposals.

Over the past two years the Prince has been championing the cause of community architecture, the process by which people are directly involved in design and management decisions, and inner-city regeneration by visiting more than a dozen such projects throughout the country and talking about his experiences.

But in his most recent address he promised to return shortly to the subject of the aesthetics of architecture and the creation of nothing less than a "new Renaissance". He will launch this new crusade at a debate in May, with the Royal Academy acting as host.

Curiously enough, the motion to be debated in May is taken from a speech delivered by Berthold Lubetkin, designer of the penguin pool at London zoo and a recent recipient of the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture. He was invited in 1985 by the then president of RIBA, Michael Manser, to deliver the first (and so far only) president's invitation lecture.

During that lecture, in which he attacked community architecture and likened the Prince to Stalin (for reasons we shall not go into here), he said: "Architecture is too important to be left to architects alone. Like crime, it is a problem for society as a whole".

Lady Wynne-Jones, together with her friends in the Upper House and the arts world, formed the Londoners' Society, which is organizing the event at the Royal Academy. It plans to fight off the threat of yet more gargantuan, overbearing, anti-social and unsightly blots on the capital's cityscape. It shares the Prince's view that the public ought to be allowed to have its say.

This notion is anathema to the architectural profession for one good reason. As surveyors, planners, interior space planners, assorted engineers and building contractors encroach increasingly upon their traditional market, the aesthetic taste and judgement of architects is one of the few crutches they have left.

Rows about unsightly buildings, particularly in London, have been commonplace since the formation of Riba in 1834. St Pancras station, Tower Bridge, Crystal Palace, Nash's Regent Street facades and All Souls, Langham Place, were slated in their day, and even the design for the Palace of Westminster was villified. But there is another dimension to the question of aesthetics which is confined neither to London nor to architects. Sir Hugh Casson, past president of the Royal Academy, has made two observations about the British attitude to beauty and art that are hard to refute: people believe, he says, that "beauty is unmanly and should be left to foreigners and women"; and that "art is a very wet exercise done by wet people on wet afternoons".

As for the Prince, having expended *considerable energy tramping* the streets of deprived inner-city areas and studying the social aspects of architecture, he will now be turning his attention to aesthetics and a renaissance of beautiful British architecture. No doubt his recent visit to Florence provided valuable lessons in this department.

Sale room

Profitable appetite for Moore

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A Henry Moore drawing reaped a profit of £70,368 for its owner when it was sold at Phillips yesterday. He had bought it from the Berkeley Gallery in London in 1945 for 30gns and yesterday it sold for £70,400 to an American collector outbidding the London trade.

The drawing, executed in 1945, explores ideas for sculpture, with draped figures reclining, sitting and standing: the simple, monumental forms that Moore loved. The drawing is in pen, ink and watercolour heightened with white. The Phillips estimate was £20,000-£30,000.

The small, selective sale of modern British art, 73 lots in all, made a total of £436,095 with 16 per cent unsold.

Prices were again running beyond estimate for the Newlyn school. A group of three old fisherman at the edge of a quay, painted by Stanhope Forbes, sold for £37,400 (estimate £12,000-£15,000). A second Forbes depicting the market place in Penzance secured £16,500 (estimate £10,000-£15,000).

Sir John Lavery's "A Garden in France", painted around 1920 on Cap Ferrat, sold for £46,200 (estimate £25,000-£35,000). Sotheby's sold the most expensive kaleidoscope ever at £19,250 (estimate £2,500-£3,500). It dates from around 1830 when the construction of optical toys was taken seriously. It is supported by a telescopic brass column bound in mahogany on a tripod stand. Another early brass kaleidoscope, a "Brewster Patent" of around 1820, secured £6,490 (estimate £1,000-£1,500). The sale of scientific instruments attracted several museum buyers, including the Science Museum, and totalled £190,311 with 6 per cent unsold.

At Christie's a sale of Japanese porcleain demonstrated a continued upward trend in market prices. A brightly coloured hexagonal Kakiemon vase went for £60,500 (estimate £40,000-£60,000) to Zeshi, a Japanese dealer. A cuddly pair of Kakiemon tigers went for £52,800 (estimate £15,000-£25,000) to a private museum in Japan. The sale totalled £404,800 with 13 per cent unsold.

Forthcoming marriages

The Marquess of Worcester and Miss T.L. Ward
The engagement is announced between Henry, eldest son of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, of Badminton House, Gloucestershire, and Tracy, younger daughter of the Hon Peter Ward, of Cornwell Manor, Kingham, Oxfordshire, and the Hon Mrs Claire Ward, of Callow Street, London.

Mr J.P. Allen and Miss L.C. Forbes
The engagement is announced between James Percival, son of *Mr Richard Allen, Ranskill*, Retford, Nottinghamshire, and Mrs Patrick Dean, of East Mere House, Lincoln, and Louisa Charlotte, eldest daughter of Dr *and* Mrs *Angus Forbes*, of Crediton, Devon.

Mr S.J. Bethell and Miss J.J. Charles
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Bethell, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Charles, of Penryn, Cornwall.

Mr A.H.J. Bryan-Brown and Miss S.E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Mrs Hilary Bryan-Brown and the late Mr Michael Bryan-Brown, of Chichester, West Sussex, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Barrington Davies, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr N.H. Burgess and Dr A.M. Sefton
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Mr Guy Hall Burgess and of Mrs Felicity Burgess, of Barnes, London, SW13, and Armine, younger daughter of the late Dr Louis Sefton and of Mrs M. Sefton (Dr Marcia Wilkinson), of Wynnstay Gardens, Kensington.

Mr J.S. Buxton and Miss S.L.C. Mellor
The engagement is announced between John Spencer, only son *of Mr and Mrs J. Buxton*, of Salcombe, Devon, and Sarah Louise Caroline, second daughter of Judge Wilson Mellor, QC, and Mrs Mellor, of Sutton Coldfield.

Mr N.J. Coats and Miss B.S. McKechnie
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr M.A. Coats, of Barcelona, Spain, and Mrs David Laidlaw, of Cordes, France, and Belinda, daughter of Mr G.D. McKechnie, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs John Walker, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.J. Clarke and Miss J.M. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Clarke, of Wivenhoe, Essex, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.E.A. Lewis, of Emsworth, Hampshire.

Mr T.H. Farr and Miss A.M. Windsor
The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of the late Mr S.H. Farr and of Mrs Jennifer Farr, of The Old Rectory, Thorgarton, Nottinghamshire, and *Amanda, younger* daughter of the late Mr R.J. Windsor and of Mrs T.M. Windsor, of Oxton, Nottinghamshire.

Mr C.A. Farrell and Miss J.C. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Farrell, of Hoylake, The Wirral, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Taylor, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr M.K. Ferrabee and Miss J.A.G. Jones
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Mr and Mrs G.R. Ferrabee, of Retford, Nottinghamshire, and *Adrien, daughter of the late Mr* G.W. Jones and of Mrs Jean Jones, of Grove Park Terrace, Chiswick.

Dr D. Kelly and Dr R. Pearce Gould
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs H. Kelly, of Alkrington, Manchester, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Pearce Gould, of Alpington, Norfolk.

Mr J.M. Knight and Miss J.P. Cowell
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Knight, of Bath, Avon, and Jessica, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.D. Cowell, of Tubney, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.A.L. Leach and Miss F.S. Easdale
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of the late Colonel A.P. Leach, TD, DL, and Mrs J.H. Leach, of Clifford, Yorkshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H.T. Easdale, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.J. Lee and Miss D.M.A. Keble-White
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Lee, of Oakhurst, Pulborough, Sussex, and Diana, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Keble-White, of Burdocks, Wisborough Green, Sussex.

Mr C.V.J. McNaught-Davis and Miss J.J. Rutland
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs L.V. McNaught-Davis, of Croydon, Surrey, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C. Rutland, of Brisbane, Australia.

Air Commodore G.J.C. Paul and Miss M. Samuels
The engagement is announced between Christopher Paul and Mollie Samuels, both of Old Alresford, Hampshire.

***Dr M. Ratti* and Miss G. Murdoch**
The engagement is announced between Massimo, son of the late Dr Giuliano Ratti and of *Mrs Liliana Ratti*, of Follo, La Spezia, Italy, and Gillian, daughter of Commendatore Alastair Murdoch, OBE, and Mrs Patricia Murdoch, of Villa Butori, Colle di Compito, Lucca, Italy.

Mr A. Ray and Miss R. Maxim
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Ray, of Aston Clinton, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Maxim, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.H. Tapp and Miss V.M. Averill
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Hatfield, son of Mr and Mrs Rodney Tapp, of St Nicholas, Kent, and Veronica, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.L.F. Averill, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mr R.A. Ward and Miss S.E. Yates
The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Major and Mrs R.A.S. Ward, of Bramshott Chase, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of Mr J.D. Yates and the late Mrs J.D. Yates of Brampton, *Suffolk*.

Mr R.W. Wingman and Miss K.B. Henderson
The engagement is announced between Roderick Wynn, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Ian Wingman, of Quarry Road, London, and Kerena Brodie, only daughter of Mr Alan Henderson, of Shefford Woodlands House, Newbury, Berkshire, and Mrs John Impey, of Ladbroke Walk, London.

Marriage

DR N. Tower and Miss R. Singhal
The marriage took place on March 6, in London, Ontario, of Dr Nicholas Tower and Miss Roma Singhal.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Torquato Tasso, poet, Sorrento, Italy, 1544; Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of speed records on land and water, Chislehurst, Kent, 1885.

DEATHS: Sir Alexander Mackenzie, explorer in North America, Mulnain, Dunkeld, 1820; Rolf Boldrewood (pseudonym of Thomas Browne), author of *Robbery under Arms*, Melbourne, 1915; Benjamin West, painter, President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, 1820; Victor Hely-Hutchinson, composer, London, 1947; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist, discoverer of penicillin, Nobel laureate 1945, London, 1955; Richard Byrd, aviator and Polar explorer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1957.

Over 250 people were drowned when the Bradfield reservoir, Sheffield, burst its banks, 1864.

Reception

English-Speaking Union

The Duke of Edinburgh was the guest of honour at a reception at Westminster City Hall yesterday given by the English-Speaking Union to celebrate the launching of its appeal. Sir Donald Tebbit, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, chairman of the appeal, received the guests who included:

The Earl of Stockton, Viscount and Viscountess Rothermere, Lord Nicholas Hervey, Lord and Lady Attlee, Lord Olivier, OM, Lord Barnard of Fulham, GH, Lord Bradley, Mr Richard Luce, MP, and Mrs Luce, Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, Mr Bernard Weatherill, MP, and Mrs Weatherill, Sir Antony Bock, QC, MP, Sir Patrick and Lady Dean, Sir Robin and Lady Haydon, Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, MP, Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Brian Rix, General Sir Harry Tuzo, Mr Terence Mallinson, Dr M Barocas-Dobson, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Mr and Mrs R Hammond Innes, Mrs Michael Wynne-Parker, Mrs David Hicks and Mrs David Emms.

Dinners

Carmen's Company
Princess Anne, Master of the Carmen's Company, assisted by Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver and Major Dennis Baker, Wardens, presided at the annual livery dinner held last night at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended. The other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr John Wells and Judge Argyle, QC.

London House
Lady French presided at the annual dinner for law students at London House and William Goodenough House held last night at London House, Mecklenburgh Square, WC1. Mr David Emms, Director of London House for Overseas Graduates, and Mrs Emms also received the guests. Among *those present were:*

Lord Mackay of Clashern, QC, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Sir Nicolas Bronze, Wilkinson, Sir Frederick Lawton, Sir Derek Oulton, QC, Mr Justice and Lady Knox, Mr Justice Otton, Mr Justice Scott, Professor Rosalyn Higgins, Professor R M Goode, Miss Judy Hutchinson and Mrs Audrey Fristy.

Pipeline Industries Guild
Mr B.R. Thorpe, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the Southern Water Authority, and Canon Don Lewis were the guest speakers at the annual dinner of the Pipeline Industries Guild held at Grosvenor House yesterday. Mr K.F. Roberts, president of the guild, and Mr R. Spicer, chairman, also spoke.

O.K.S. Association

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the annual meeting and dinner of the OKS Association (The King's School, Canterbury) has been postponed until March 27 at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly. Details are available from Mr Andrew Stewart. Telephone: 02403 21872.

Science report

First glimpses of the end of the world

By Robert Matthews

A glimpse of what is in store for our solar system in a few billion years time has come from the first observations of the dying stages of a star similar to our sun.

Using extremely sensitive equipment on four different telescopes at the La Silla observatory in Chile, astronomer Dr Bo Reipurth of the European Southern Observatory has found evidence that the star known as OH 231.8+4.2, is turning from a red giant star into a white dwarf.

Stars like the sun are expected to turn into red giants as their nuclear fuel runs out, engulfing the solar system out at least as far as our Earth, before collapsing into an extremely hot white dwarf a few tens of kilometres across.

The star now under study, which is 4,000 light years away in the constellation Puppis, cannot be seen because it is embedded deep within a bubble-shaped nebula made up of material it has ejected in its death-throes. But it appears to be losing mass at a prodigous rate, with the material flowing off at about 140 km/s. This implies that what Dr Reipurth is seeing began virtually yesterday by astronomical standards, perhaps only 1400 years ago. Before then, the star was presumably like our sun.

As well as providing valuable information on a crucial stage of stellar evolution, Dr Reipurth's observations could shed light on a long-standing mystery in astronomy concerning Sirius, the Dog Star.

During winter evenings, this brilliant white star can be seen outshining all others in the sky. But in the 2nd century AD, the astronomer Ptolemy of Alexandria listed Sirius as a bright red star. Later references to the red colour have also been found, although by the Renaissance Sirius is reported as being white. The transformation therefore took about 1400 years.

Although some believe that Ptolemy simply was mistaken, others have pointed out that the star we now see as Sirius has a white dwarf in orbit around it. They argue that this was formerly a red giant, which outshone the white star we now see before collapsing.

However, calculations show that it takes much longer than 1400 years for a red giant to turn into a white dwarf. Dr Reipurth is continuing his observations to search for signs that the transformation of OH 231.8+4.2 is coming to an end. This should help establish whether Ptolemy's observations can be taken as more than just a case of sloppy cataloguing.

OBITUARY

BOBBY LOCKE

Classic golfer of the old school

Bobby Locke, four times British Open golf champion and a world-class figure in the game after the Second World War, died on March 9, aged 69.

Arthur D'Arcy Locke was born on November 20, 1917, at Germiston, near Johannesburg, where his parents had emigrated from Northern Ireland.

He won the Transvaal junior championship at the age of 14; three years later he won the South African amateur and Open championships.

By the time he was 20 he had captured every title worth holding in South Africa.

His first visit to England, the country that was to become his happiest hunting ground, was in 1936, when he finished leading amateur in the Open.

Returning as a professional two years later, he finished equal third in the Open and won the Irish championship.

The war interrupted a highly promising career. He joined the South African Air Force and flew 1800 hours as a bomber pilot in the Middle East.

The full flowering of his *game came* when he returned to Britain. In the decade beginning in 1949 he and Peter Thomson dominated the Open Championship.

Locke was among the greatest putters of all time and it was on this, and on a superb temperament, that his success was built. His long game did not stand comparison with the most powerful exponents, but so good was his short game that he could afford to play safe at the longer holes, confident in his ability to get down in two from near the green.

He was an artist in the use of the wedge, which he made popular, and in all pitching clubs he showed notable judgment of distance.

The other aspect of his greatness as a golfer was his self-control. He concealed intense ambition beneath a cloak of unruffled poise.

Some of the best holes he ever played followed a setback which might have been disastrous to a lesser player.

In the Open championship at St Andrews in 1939, for example, he went round once in 70 in spite of taking eight at the Long Hole In, and in 1950, when he defended his title successfully at Troon, he followed a six at a short hole with four birdies in the next six holes.

From discipline, too, came a code of behaviour which set a standard for his generation. The most obvious sign of it was his habit of touching his white peaked cap in acknowledgment of applause. But it went deeper than that, and many an unknown player, drawn with him, was grateful for Locke's insistence that the crowd should not spurn the contribution of his less exciting adversary.

It was golf's loss that when the American challenge of Palmer and Nicklaus took shape, he was no longer at his best to answer it. Had he been, there is little doubt that he would have caused them trouble.

Locke's intrusion on to the American scene was brilliant, though short. He first played there in 1947. Against the toughest opposition, which included Snead, Hogan, Nelson, Mangrum and Demaret, he won four of the first six tournaments in which he entered, and was second leading money winner.

The following year he won three *tournaments and* was second in seven, and he twice finished third in the US Open.

Had his relations with the US Professional Golfers' Association been less troubled (in 1948 he was banned from the circuit for missing two tournaments), and his visits to *that country* been therefore more frequent, he might well have won their Open championship or the Masters title.

Somewhat unexpectedly, for he had put on weight to the point of portliness, he added a fourth British Open title at St Andrews in 1957. He was made an honorary member of the Royal and Ancient, an honour extended to few professionals.

He was not one to linger on the scene. He aimed to make enough money to retire and a car accident in 1960 that kept him in hospital for months, accelerated his departure from the scene.

Locke was one of the most unlikely looking of golf's greats. He continued to wear plus-fours for years after they went out of fashion, and was always immaculately attired in a long-sleeved shirt and tie.

PROFESSOR J.W. BLAKE

Professor *John William* Blake, CBE, the historian of West Africa, died on March 7, at the age of 75.

Educated at King's College, London, he was appointed, in 1934, an assistant lecturer to Queen's University, Belfast, where he produced major works on early European involvement in West Africa, the first of which was reprinted as *Quest for God and Gold*, 40 years later.

Being involved in the life of the university and the province, in due course he was also appointed official war historian of Northern Ireland.

He then joined the University College of North Staffordshire (later the University of Keele) as foundation professor of history.

He quickly assumed a position of major influence at Keele, and was acting principal during a difficult period in the mid-1950s.

He was also engaged, through the Inter University Council for Higher Education *Overseas and other bodies, in* the foundation of new universities in the Commonwealth, particularly in Africa.

He was vice-chancellor of the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland between 1964 and 1971.

The final years of his career saw him return, very happily, to Northern Ireland as professor of history at the New University of Ulster, until 1977.

In retirement he took a leading role in the developments which led to the merger *of the New University and the* Ulster Polytechnic to form the University of Ulster in 1983-84.

As an historian Blake disliked narrow specialisation and strove to defend the discipline against it.

His enthusiasms in early life were hockey and cricket, and later on he took up stamp collecting and gardening.

He married in 1938 Eileen Lord, who survives him, with two sons and a daughter.

DR FREDERICK PARKER-RHODES

Ted Bastin writes:

Dr Frederick Parker-Rhodes, mathematician, died on March 2, aged 72.

Educated at Marlborough and Magdalene College, Cambridge, he used a private income to pursue a wide range of scholarship.

He has a place in the history of statistics and mathematical *linguistics*, on which he worked with the Cambridge Language Research Unit.

He was also an authority on fungi.

But his reputation must depend on his work on combinatorial physics which is pursued by a still small international group. He took the primary step in giving this work its first mathematical shape.

One of his results must be mentioned for its startling nature. His calculation of the mass-ratio of proton and electron is correct as far as experiment can test it (eight significant figures) and, alone, would give him an important *place in science, if it* came to be accepted.

There is no doubt about its mathematical rigour, but the ideas from which it comes are revolutionary. Parker-Rhodes called his form of the work "The Theory of Indistinguishables" and it is a logical extension of the idea of indistinguishability in the quantum theory.

It is not the form which his co-workers mostly use, but it is undoubtedly the most original, since it imports an innovation into logic itself.

One must say, in sum, that Parker-Rhodes leaves us with an enigma - a situation to which he brought his characteristic gentle and slightly amused acquiescence.

Parker-Rhodes's wife, Damaris, pre-deceased him by a few months. Two sons and a daughter survive him.

BERTRAND de JOUVENEL

Joanna Richardson writes:

In September 1982, when I was writing my life of Colette, I spent a day with Bertrand de Jouvenel (obituary March 6).

I had the difficult task of discussing his relationship with Colette. He himself confirmed that he had not been Chéri, and that the dates alone made this evident.

The novel had in fact just been published when he went to stay with Colette, his stepmother, at Rozven in the summer of 1920.

It was soon after this that Colette became his mistress. Bertrand de Jouvenel told me that Mme Dalleray, the ruthless elder woman in her novella, *Le Blé en Herbe*, was a self-portrait of Colette; and that the young boy, Phil, was, himself.

The liaison between Colette and her stepson lasted, it appears, for some years.

"The pleasures that Colette gave me," Bertrand de Jouvenel explained, "were all the pleasures that one gains from the opening up of the world, and I owe them entirely to her. None the less, the *climate of scandal about us* was eventually to separate us."

LARY
BOBBY LOCKE
of the old

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord: for it is good.

Psalm 54 6

BIRTHS

BRADBURN On March 6th, in Canterbury, to Victoria (née Webb-Bowen) and Richard, a son, Matthew James Michael

CAMPBELL - On March 1st, to Cerli (née Barnato-Kahan) and Alister, a son, Rory Dominic Alexander, a brother, for Arabella.

CONSETT - On March 5th, in Melbourne, to Caroline and Christopher a son.

DUNCAN SMITH On March 7th 1987, at West London Hospital, to Elizabeth Wynn (Betsy) and George Iain, a son, Edward St.Alban.

FLETCHER On March 4th, at Maidstone Hospital, to Sarah (née Stocks) and Michael, a daughter, Bethany Susannah, a sister for Benjamin, Joshua and Georgina.

GRANT - On March 5th, to Madelaine (née McGurk) and David, a son, Mungo Rory Gregor

GILBERT - On March 8th, to Anne (née Fry) and John, a son, Charles.

HIGHAM - On March 3rd, at the Royal Free Hospital, London, to Francesca (née Ronan) and John, a son, John Christian Alexander, a brother for Miranda and Charlotte

JAMESON - On March 2nd, to Jane (née McGlashan) and Crispin, a daughter, Elizabeth Frances Mary

LEE On February 23rd 1987, to Andree and Tak, a daughter, Jacqueline.

MacDOUGALD On February 27th, to Lucinda (née Broadbridge) and Hugh, a son, James.

MANNING On March 2nd, to Irene (née Wilcox) and Michael, a daughter, Nicola Mary

MANN - On March 8th, at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Judith (née Cannon) and Roger, a daughter Rachel Philippa.

MILLINGER On March 3rd 1987, to Genevieve (née Aston) and Andrew, a daughter, (Rachel Francesa, a sister for David.

MORTENSEN On February 9th, 1987, in, Nairobi, to Susannah and Claus, a son, Thomas.

MYERS - On 18th March, to Dianne (née Hammond) and Andrew, a son Jonathan Charles.

PAGE On March 6th, at UCH London, to Rosalind and Nicholas, a daughter, Jessica.

RICE On March 3rd 1987, to Susanna (née Willis Fleming) and Simon, a daughter, Pandora Charlotte, a sister for Camilla.

STURGIS - On March 9th 1987, to Victoria and Simon, a daughter, India, a sister for Emma.

WILLIAMS - On March 9th 1987, to Wendy and Phil, a daughter Lucy Elizabeth

WILLOWS - On March 10th 1987, to Carolyn (née Sims) and Carl, a son Bodkin Mathew, a brother for Rupert.

MARRIAGES

JACKSON:JACKSON - On Tuesday March 10th 1987, in Havelock North, New Zealand, Colonel George Eric Jackson, D.F.C. to Mrs Heather Mary Fownes Jackson.

DEATHS

BARBER - On Sunday March 8th, at The Hazlewell Nursing Home, Putney, Hilda May, aged 89, widow of Albert Funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday March 13th at 12.30pm. No flowers please.

BARNES On March 6th 1987, suddenly after a short illness, Roma of Upper Lambourn, Berkshire. Beloved sister of Unity and Gillian and much loved step-daughter of Geoffrey Champneys. Funeral private.

BLOMFIELD On March 1st 1987, peacefully at Briantcroft, Milford-on-Sea, Alice Enid (née Fisher) widow of Essex Blomfield late of Malaya, beloved of Juliet and Esther. Service at St Mary's Church, Everton, Lymington on Friday March 13th at 1.30pm. Donations if desired in lieu of flowers to. Leprosy Aid, may be sent to Diamond & Son FD, Lower Buckland Rd, Lymington. (05905 72050.

BUNTING - On March 9th 1987, peacefully at his home after a short illness, John Shepherd Allison Bunting MC, in his 85th year. Much loved husband of Joyce and beloved father of Jeremy Funeral service at Barham Crematorium near Canterbury on Friday March 13th at 9am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Canterbury Hospice. No letters please.

CATCHPOLE On March 8th, peacefully in 90th year Mabel 'Cub' Much loved wife of the late Frank Catchpole OBE both of Maxwell House, Barbados, Christchurch Dorset and she recently of St Angela's Convent, Clifton, Bristol. Dear mother of Professor Bernard Catchpole and Margaret Floyd.

CHARNOCK On March 7th 1987 peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Joan Paget (née Thomson). Much loved mother of Rosemary and loving granny to Simon and Dominic. Funeral service and Creat St. Mary's Church, Cambridge on Monday 16th March at 12 noon, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent to A.F Townsend (Funeral Directors) Ltd, 18 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge or, if preferred donations to Sue Rider Homes, Cavendish, Suffolk.

COOPER On Saturday March 7th, James, Actor, Director, Producer, Renegade Theatre Company, whilst in King George Hospital, Ilford. Funeral Service on Friday 13th March at 2.00pm at City of London Crematorium, Aldersbrook Road, London E12. Flowers/enquiries to H.J.Hawes & Son, Funeral Directors, 106 Tainers Lane, Barkingside, Essex. Tel: 01 550-4047

DEBENHAM On March 8th 1987 aged 81, in the Isle of Man Commander Alan James Debenham D.S.C., R.N Retired.

FURNESS On March 7th, peacefully Edna, 'Paddy', much loved by her husband, children, grandchildren and friends an example to us all, both in life and death. Funeral Service, St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, Friday March 13th, at 2.15pm. Family flowers only Donations, if desired, to Hospiscare, C/O Mowbray Cottage, Butts Road, Exeter, Devon.

GILL On March 7th 1987, Alma Stella Gill, widow of ETJ (Teddy) Gill at Tall Pines, Church Crookham, Hampshire, formerly of Goring by Sea, West Sussex, mother of Michael and the late Valerie and Pauline Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey at 12.30pm, Monday March 16th. Family flow ers, but donations if desired to, Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1 YORT

HARDIE On March 9th, at Portscatho, John William Somerville, much loved husband of Bay and dear father of Anne, Judy and Richard. Cremation 11 15am, 13th March, Penmount, Truro. No flowers please, but if wished donations to R.N.L.I

HORSMAN On March 9th, Audrey, aged 72, beloved wife of Ronald and mother of Christopher Funeral at Southampton Crematorium, March 13th 12.30pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to R.S.P.B., The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

HENNESSY On March 7th 1987, peacefully in Yorkshire, Jeanne aged 78 years. Formerly of Paris. Much loved mother of Francois (Vicomte de Simard de Pitray), and Sybille (Lady Derwent) and grandmother of Emmeline, Sophie, Joanna, Anne, Francis and Isabelle. Funeral private

LAWN On March 7th, at Fitzwilliam Hospital, Peterborough, Stanley, beloved Husband of the late Mary, father of Alison and devoted grandfather of Miranda. Funeral on Friday March 13th at 2.00pm, at Weybridge Cemetery Flowers to Weybridge Funeral Service, High Street, Weybridge, Surrey, by 12.00 noon.

MACLEOD - On March 6th 1987, peacefully, Eileen Macleod, speech therapist, late of the BBC. Cremation service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday, March 16th at 1 10pm. All enquiries to Peter Ranner Tel: 01-625 5975.

MILLINGTON On March 9th, at St.Richards Hospital, Chichester, Alban. Service and committal 3.15pm, Friday March 13th, at St.Mary's Church, East Lavant. Flowers or donations for N.S.P.C.C. To Edward White Undertakers, South Pallant Chichester

MOFFAT - On February 27th 1987, tragically as a result of aircraft accident in the Falkland Islands, Flight Lieutenant Anthony Donald RAF Dearly loved husband of Audrey Patricia (née Campbell) and loving son of Mr & Mrs Peter Moffat of Whitley Bay Service Funeral and interment was held March 10th 1987 at Whitley Bay

PAPILLON On March 7th 1987, in Folkstone, Barbara Lythgoe (née Hornby) J.P., widow of Arthur Hardinge Papillon, lately of Acrise Place, Folkstone, at one time the youngest member of London County Council (Britton). Funeral service at Acrise Parish Church, Kent, on Monday March 16th, at 2.15pm. Followed by cremation at Barham. No Flowers please, but donations if desired to League of Friends, William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent. Funeral Enquiries to Hambrook & Johns Funeral Directors: 0303 55167

ROBINSON - On March 7th 1987, suddenly but peacefully in the midst of a busy and productive retirement, in his 78th year, Kenneth Upton Robinson, former headmaster of Birkenhead School and Bradford Grammar School, beloved husband of Marjorie and greatly loved father and grandfather Funeral Service for family and close friends at 11.30am on Friday March 13th, at Oakworth Crematorium, Keighley, West Yorkshire. Memorial services to be arranged later No flowers please, but donation to: The Bradford Grammar School Appeal or Birkenhead School Endowment Fund. Enquiries to: Thomas Clarkson Funeral Directors Tel: 0535 53262.

ROWE On March 7th, at home, E.C.(Jim) Rowe C.M.G. Dear husband of Alison. Funeral private. Memorial service at St.Mary's Church: Longworth, Oxfordshire on Saturday April 4th, at 3pm.

SINGER - On March 8th 1987, Elizabeth (née Walton), in her 86th year, mother of Aubrey, grandmother and great-grandmother For many years respected as a teacher of music at Bradford Girls Grammar School. A great stimulator and encourager of musical talent. No flowers please, but donations may be made to Mencap, c/o J.H. Kenyon Ltd, 85 Westbourne Grove, London W2. Tel: 01 229 9861 Funeral service 10.30am, on Tuesday 17th March, at St. Michael's Church, Elmwood Road, Chiswick W4, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium.

SHARDON - On March 9th 1987, William James (Jim) O.B.E., aged 82, peacefully at his home, 27 Pilsmur Avenue, Torquay Much loved father of Patsy and Jimmy Dear grandfather and great grandfather Funeral service at All Saints Church, Torre, Torquay at 12 noon, Monday, March 16th, prior to cremation.

SLOCOMBE - On March 8th 1987, peacefully, Frances Victoria, in her 90th year. Cremation Friday 13th March 3.30pm at Golders Green Crematorium. Enquiries 01 399 2050.

TALBOT - On March 9th, at Frimley Park Hospital, Bertram (Richard) of Sandhurst, Berks, aged 71 years, retired CAA Flight Operations Inspector Cremation at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, on Tuesday March 17th, at 2pm. Enquiries to David Grasdy (0344) 773741

WALKLIN On March 7th 1987, peacefully at her home in Haywards Heath, Sussex, Joyce Helen, dearly beloved wife of Ted and darling mother of Mark and Sarah. Requiem Mass at St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath, on Friday March 13th at 10am. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to St Catherine's Hospice, c/o R A Brooks & Son, 35 Whitefield Road, Haywards Heath, Tel: 0444 454539.

WARD - On March 9th, Florence Alice Ward of Aynho, Nr Banbury, widow of James Divir Ward, formerley of the Ulster Bank, Dundalk, and beloved mother of Edward, Alice, Rosina and David. In her 92nd year. No flowers please, donations if desired to Alzheimer Disease Society. Funeral details from and donations to: J & M Hurnard-Ayres, Albert Street, Banbury 0295 65424

WELLS-COLE - On March 8th 1987, Lt.Col. Victor Henry Wells-Cole M.C., The KOYLI, peacefully in his 90th year, beloved husband of Tommy, and much loved father of Troth, Joyce and Neville. Loved by his Grandchildren and his Great grandchildren. Funeral Service at St.Andrew's Church, Abbots Ripton, 2.30pm March 16th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations to, The Army Benevolent Fund, C/O Dennis Easton Funeral Service, The Lodge, Broad leas, St.Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs.

WILKINSON - On March 9th, peacefully in hospital, Roger, husband of Meg and father of Max and Julia.

WOODHOUSE On Sunday March 8th, in his 90th year, Brigadier F.V.R. Woodhouse, peacefully at his home in Shropshire after a long illness. Loved husband of Joy and dear father of Anne, Nigel and Bridget. Funeral Service at st. Lawrence's church, Stretton, on 16th March at 2pm. Family flowers only please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FREEMAN A Memorial Service for, Polly Freeman, will be held at Christ church, Victoria rd., Kensington W8, on Friday March 27th, at 12.00 noon.

McDONALD A service of Thanksgiving for the life of, Kenneth James Robertson, will be held on Saturday March 21st, at 11am in, St. Mary's Parish Church, Kintbury, Berkshire. Any donations to St Mary's Church, Kintbury

RITSON A Remembrance for Mrs Daisy Caroline Ritson (Davide) will be held in the Matinck Room, Liberal Jewish Synagogue, NW8, on Tuesday March 24th at 3pm.

STEVENS A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Philip A. Stevens, of The Press Association, will be held at St.Bride's Church, Fleet Street, at 12 noon on Monday March 16th.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HOCKNELL On March 11th 1986, John Stocker The light yet lingers. Catherine

School news

Brentwood School

The Governors of Brentwood School have decided to admit girls at age eleven as soon as possible. They will be taught separately from the boys up to the 5th Form and the 6th Form will continue to be co-educational.

Canford School

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The Granville Award: Catherine Walshaw (Hordle House, Lymington)

Sixth Form Scholarships.

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Minor Scholarships Emma Owens (James Allen's Girls' School); Emily Best (Wycombe Abbey); Ghislaine Weber (Wycombe Abbey); Isabella Wright (Wycombe Abbey); Pauline Ganelle (Wycombe Abbey)

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICHMOND TUTORIAL COLLEGE

Mr Carey Pelper, Foundine Principal cannot lead a party of Fellows and Tutors of the College to vote in the election of a Chancellor of Oxford University on Saturday 14th March, as announced on Tuesday 3rd March, because he has allowed it to appear the Reverend A.G.C Pearson's invitation to contest the Chancellorship of Richmond Tutorial College against the Princess Dolgoda of Sri Lanka, in the Bowden Room on Saturday 14th March. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister has declined the offer to stand for the election

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CHRISTIE - On March 3rd 1987 at 5.02 am GMT, at St. Thomas' Hospital, Heather Joan Christie arrived. A daughter for Susan and Hugh, a grand daughter for Tom and Trudy, and George, a great grand daughter for Grace, and a joy for all

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ASHCROFT. Mrs Anna Ashcroft and family, of Horsey, near Bushmey, would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind letters and messages of sympathy received following the death of her husband Lt Cmdr J.F.A Ashcroft RN Rtd. Thank you also for the donations received in his memory ofor the Mission to Seamen.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ANATOL:** Schnitzler's bittersweet, worldly-wise scenes in the life of a Viennese philanderer. Gate Theatre Club, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, London W11 (01-229 0706). Tube: Notting Hill. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, £4 plus £1 membership, until March 28.

☆ **THE ARKLEY BARNET SHOW:** Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket present their refined medley of ballads and bared teeth. Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, London SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Sat 5.30-7.45pm, £4-£10.

☆ **CABARET:** Muddled revival of this musical tale of 1930s Berlin. Toyah Wilcox meets Wayne Sleep. Strand Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 4143/5190). Tube: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Thurs 7.30-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5-7.45pm, £10-£18.50.

☆ **DECADENCE:** Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. With Linda Marlowe. Limited season, proving very popular. Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinée Sat 5-8.40pm, £4.50-£10.50, until April 25.

☆ **FASCINATING AIDA:** The witty, sexy, subversive threesome, sparking and larking about. Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, London W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8.40pm, 9.30-11.40pm, £7.50, extended until March 21.

★ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, London SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **KATHIE AND THE HIPPOPOTAMUS:** The uses of fantasy in a travel-writer's diary. Award-winner from Edinburgh by the Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £6, until March 28.

☆ **SCOUT'S HONOUR:** Left-wing council inherits fascist money and farcical results ensue. Often hilarious. Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£10, until March 28.



Griff Rhys Jones learns to goose-step and mesmerize crowds as Arturo Ui, in Brecht's fiercely comic version of the rise of Hitler, set in Chicago among racketeers in the greengrocery business. The Shakespeare parody's florid Runyonese and manic clowning make it an ideal part for Jones, with the menace and hysteria never far away. The play is in Bath this week and, after Nottingham and Brighton, arrives in London at the Queens Theatre on March 31.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story; a limited viewpoint but still effective. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm, £4-£11.50, extended until March 21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ★ **The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui:** Griff Rhys Jones as Brecht's gangster leader learning how to rule the world. Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 65065), Wed 7.30-10pm, £1.50-£9, Thurs-Sat 8-10.30pm, £1.50-£9, until March 14.

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** After playing 10 cities over four months, Michael Bogdanov's production reaches its last theatre before London. With Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V, and John Woodvine as Falstaff. Hippodrome Theatre, Hurst Street (021 622 7486). Henry IV Part One Thurs 2-5pm, 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 11.30am-2.30pm; Henry IV Part Two Thurs 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, Henry V today 7.30-10.30pm, Fri 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 8-11pm, £4.50-£8.50.

BLACKPOOL: ☆ **King Lear:** Sir Anthony Quayle leads a strong cast in Compass Theatre's nationwide tour. Grand Theatre, Church Street (0253 28372). Tues-Sat 7.30-10.50pm, matinée Sat and Thurs 2.30-5.50pm, £2.50-£6.

POOLE: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in this Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production. Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222), Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £4-£5.20, until March 14.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **It's a Bit Lively Outside:** Joyce Holliday weaves together songs and true stories to celebrate daily life in Sheffield during the Blitz. Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£5.50, until March 28.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Rat in the Skull:** Revised version of Ron Hutchinson's play about how an Irish bomber suspect came to be injured in a police cell. Crucible Theatre Studio, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, £3.50, until March 21.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Road:** First stage in a four-week tour of Jim Cartwright's scorching account of life and sex in dead-end Britain. The Swan, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, matinée Sat 3.30-5.50pm, £4-£8, until March 14.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **CASTAWAY** (15): Lucy Irvine's tropical island adventure, filmed by Nicolas Roeg with pretty and provocative pictures, but no narrative drive. With Oliver Reed and newcomer Amanda Donohoe (116 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

THE COLOR OF MONEY (15): Paul Newman returns to the pool table in a belated sequel to The Hustler. Martin Scorsese works hard whipping up excitement as Fast Eddie Nelson tries to get back into the game, spurred by jealousy of a young protégé played by Tom Cruise (119 min).
☎ Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 12.25, 3.10, 6.00, 8.55, 11.55.

DUET FOR ONE (15): Julie Andrews tackles both the violin and emotional traumas in Tom Kempinski's adaptation of his famous play about a musician struck down by multiple sclerosis (107 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.45.
☎ Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.30.

OTELLO (U): The Verdi opera flamboyantly filmed for lay consumption by Franco Zeffirelli. With Placido Domingo, Katia Ricciarelli; conducted by Lorin Maazel (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual adventures of a black girl in Brooklyn.
☎ Gate Cinema (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 4.30, 6.05, 7.40, 9.25.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.10, 9.20.
☎ Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15.

■ **WHOOPS APOCALYPSE** (15): Determinedly outrageous and undisciplined comedy lampooning international politics.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.35, 5.35, 8.35.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30, 10.35.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **ALL MOZART:** The Northern Sinfonia, conducted by Grant Llewelyn, plays Wolfgang Amadeus's Symphony No.40, K550, and Violin Concerto No.3, K216 (Clare McFarlane, Soloist). Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 1-1.50pm, £3.

☆ **LESCOSALDI LUNCH:** In their series devoted to Cantatas from Telemann's *Der harmonische Gottesdienst* the Lescosaldi Ensemble reach Cantata No.14, *Fleuch der Lüste Zauberauern*, and Bach's Violin Sonata No.3
St Anne & St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-769 2677), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **GILLIAN WEIR:** On the Festival Hall organ Gillian Weir plays Bach's E major Toccata, Reger's introduction and passacaglia, Vierne's Symphony No.2 and Ives's variations on "America" (a tune we know as "God Save The Queen"). Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 5.55-6.55pm, £2.

☆ **ACHILLES PLUS TORTOISE:** Norgaard's *Achilles and the tortoise* figures in this piano recital by Peter Lawson, as do Nielsen's Chaconne, Luff's "Storm Tide" Sonata, Ruders's Sonata No.2, *Sonya's Lullabye* by Knussen and a Sonata by Sackman.
St John's, Smith's Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30-9.20pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **MOZART/MOZART:** The London Mozart Players Wind Ensemble play Mozart's serenades K375 and 388, Nielsen's quintet, Hummel's Partita.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **SPANISH EVENING:** Bramwell Tovey conducts the London Concert Orchestra in Falla's ritual fire dance, and three dances from The Three Cornered Hat, Bizet's *Carmen* Suite, Chabrier's *Espana*, Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* (Carlos Bonnell, guitar) and Ravel's *Bolero*.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£11.50.

☆ **BRITTEN/SHOSTAKOVICH:** The Britten/Shostakovich Festival continues with the City of London Sinfonia, the Westminster Singers and Soloists under Richard Hickox performing the former composer's folk song suite, *A Time There Was*, and *Cantata Misericordium*, the latter's two Russian folksongs, five fragments, cello concerto No.1 (soloist, Robert Cohen).
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank; London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.50pm, £4.50-£7

★ **ALL TCHAIKOVSKY:** Arthur Davison conducts the RPO in Tchaikovsky's *1812* overture, excerpts from *Swan Lake* and *Nutcracker*, piano concerto No.1 (Margaret Fingerhut, soloist) and *Capriccio Italien*.
Fairfield Hall, Park Lane, Croydon (01-688 9291, cc 01-680 5955), 8pm, £3-£7.50.

DANCE

☆ **MANTIS DANCE THEATRE:** Scenes from the life of Beethoven, by Micha Bergese, and works by Risa Jaroslow and Jacob Marley danced by Mantis Dance Theatre.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £4.

★ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's production for Northern Ballet Theatre brings out the drama.
Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea (0792 475715), 7.30-9.40pm, £4-£7.

☆ **GISELLE:** Galina Samsova's production for London City Ballet is given with Jack Carter's *Three Dances to Japanese Music*.
Key Theatre, Embankment Road, Peterborough (0733 52439), 7.30-9.45pm, £5.50.

OPERA

☆ **ARIADNE AUF NAXOS:** Return of Strauss's Harlequinade, in Jean-Louis Martinoty's vivacious production. Anna Tomowa-Sintow takes the title role under the baton of Sir Colin Davis.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£40.

★ **MIKADO:** G & S's romp transplanted by Jonathan Miller from Japan to a very English 1920s hotel white on white.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.10pm, £2-£12.50.

☆ **COUNT OF LUXEMBOURG:** Nigel Douglas brings a whiff of *esch* Vienna to his re-staging of Tom Hawkes's original production of Lehar's operetta.
New Sadler's Wells Opera, Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£16.50.

☆ **MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** John Cox's affectionate production for Scottish Opera, revived with a lively young cast.
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£19.

☆ **EUGENE ONEGIN:** City Opera present an amateur production of Tchaikovsky's opera.
City Lit Theatre, Stukeley Street, London WC2 (01-263 7025), 7.15-9.45pm, £3.50 (£2.50 concessions).

☆ **CINDERELLA:** Opera 80's handsome and witty travelling production of Rossini's panto-opera.
Theatre Royal, Clasketgate, Lincoln (0522 25555) 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£6.50.

JAZZ

☆ **CHARLIE ROUSE:** Long identified with Thelonious Monk, Rouse's dry-toned tenor saxophone is at its creative peak.
Leadmill Arts Centre, 6-7 Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0742 754500), 8pm, £4.

☆ **BLIND ALLEY:** Trombonist Derek Wadsworth and altoist Ray Warleigh are the front line of a promising-sounding quintet.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **ANDY SHEPPARD QUINTET:** Highly praised young altoist brings his band in from its Bristol base.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **LOOSE TUBES:** Magnificent 21-piece band, featuring such young lions as Django Bates and Iain Ballamy.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **SIR CHARLES THOMPSON:** Although not as well known as the Dukes and Counts and Earls, this jazz knight was a leading figure in the 1950s mainstream revival and has a perfect grip on the Basie piano style.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, ring for prices.

ROCK

☆ **COMSAT ANGELS:** The original 1979 quartet from Sheffield with a new batch of stark, doomy material from their *Chasing Shadows* album.
Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds (0532 480887), 7.30pm, £3-£3.50.

★ **SIMPLY RED:** Their graduation to the top of the new establishment ranks has been spectacularly swift, despite their rather ersatz sound.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road, (091 232 8520), 7.30pm, £5-£7.

☆ **CHINA CRISIS:** The Liverpudlian pop group caught between teeny and adult markets press on with their retagged schedule.
Leeds University, Liston Place, (0532 439071), 8.30pm, £5.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(7)	Everything I Own, Boy George	Virgin
2	(1)	Stand By Me, Ben E King	Atlantic
3	(10)	I Get The Sweetest Feeling, Jackie Wilson	SMP
4	(9)	The Great Pretender, Freddie Mercury	Parlophone
5	(3)	Live It Up, Mental As Anything	Epic
6	(2)	When A Man Loves A Woman, Percy Sledge	Atlantic
7	(25)	Respectable, Mel & Kim	Supreme
8	(5)	Crush On You, The Jets	MCA
9	(4)	Male Stripper, Man 2 Man Meet Man Parrish	Bolts
10	(6)	Running In The Family, Level 42	Polydor

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(3)	The Very Best Of Hot Chocolate, Hot Chocolate	EMI
2	(1)	The Phantom Of The Opera, Original Cast	Polydor
3	(2)	The World Won't Listen, Smiths	Rough Trade
4	(4)	Graceland, Paul Simon	WB
5	(5)	Picture Book, Simply Red	Elektra
6	(5)	Silk and Steel, Five Star	Tent/RCA
7	(7)	August, Eric Clapton	Duck/WB
8	(–)	Wild Frontier, Gary Moore	Ten/Virgin
9	(8)	Live Magic, Queen	EMI
10	(10)	Give Me The Reason, Luther Vandross	EMI

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Gustav Mahler was not averse to giving his *symphonies portentous subtitles — the First* was a "Titan", the Fifth a "Giant" — but it is supposed to have been his agent who decreed the Eighth be called "the symphony of a thousand". The nickname has been something of a millstone, for the work has been done with great success with far fewer performers, not least in the Usher Hall during the Edinburgh Festival, and it seems quite strange that tonight's performance is the very first in the Royal Festival Hall, where some of Mahler's subtler counterpoints may emerge with rather more clarity than usual. The work sets the old Latin hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus* followed by the final scene from Goethe's *Faust*, requiring eight solo singers, three choirs (two of adults, one of boys) and a large orchestra with organ and extra brass to trump the climactic aces. The enterprise is that of the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra and their principal conductor James Blair. They have done much Mahler together in the past, and received warm critical praise for it, but sheer logistics have ensured that, until now, the Eighth Symphony has remained a fervent ambition: tonight that ambition is to be achieved. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 8-9.30pm, £2.50-£8.50.
Christopher Ford

GALLERIES

ROGER DE GREY AND FLAVIA IRWIN: Pleasant landscape paintings done in south west France by the President of the Royal Academy and his wife.
Gallery 10, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 8103), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until March 31.

DAVID PRENTICE: A recent journey through Spain provided the inspiration for these abstract paintings by the university's artist-in-residence.
University Art Gallery, University Park, Nottingham (0602 506101), Mon-Fri 10-5pm; Sat 11-5pm, free, until April 14.

MARK REICHERT: First London show for an American painter and collagist who has lived in Britain since 1981.
Christopher Hull Gallery, 17 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-2345 0500), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until April 4.

ANDRZEJ KRAUZE: Incisive satirical cartoons and poster designs by a powerful Polish draughtsman who contributes to many newspapers and magazines.
Jablonsky Gallery, 16 Woodstock Street, London W1 (01-629 4419), Mon-Fri 10.30-5.30pm, free, until March 14.

SONIA BOYCE: Evocative drawings based on experiences of life in an immigrant family and community in East London.
Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041-332 7521) Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until March 22.

PAUL GOPAL-CHOWDHURY: Recent works by a major figure and still life painter who has selected the Hayward Annual.
Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, 4 New Burlington Place, London W1 (01-434 1768/1). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 11-1.30pm, free, until April 4

ROGER ACKLING: Delicate, magically patterned objects made by using sun and magnifying glass to scorch a drawing on to wooden surfaces.
Juda Rowan Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 5517), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free until April 4.

TALKS

THE CREATION OF REGENTS PARK: Talk by Ann Saunders organised by the Hornsey Historical Society.
Hornsey Library (New Gallery), Haringey Park, London N8 (01-888 8891), 8pm, free.

WINDSOR GREAT PARK IN THE 18th CENTURY: Talk by J. Roberts for the Georgian Group.
The Linnean Society, Burlington House, London W1 (01-377 1722), 6pm, £2.50.

LAW AND MORALITY IN THE MARKET PLACE: The annual Trent Law Journal Lecture given by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading.
Trent Polytechnic, Burton Street, Nottingham (0602 418248 extn 2543), 2.15pm, free.

RISK ANALYSIS, NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS AND THE SIZEWELL PWR — HOW DO WE DECIDE?: Talk by Dr M. C. Scott as part of the Physics Open Lectures series.
University of Birmingham, Physics Poynting Building, 11am, free.

WALKS

JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

LEGAL LONDON — INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — WESTMINSTER: meet Westminster tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

HIDDEN CURIOS AND COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.

JEWISH EAST END — ROOTS IN TIMELESS STREETS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

ANTIQUES FAIR: Five-day fair with some 30 dealers selling period furniture, porcelain, silver, glass, jewellery, oil paintings, watercolours, oriental rugs, long case clocks and objet d'art. Most items to pre-1870 dateline.
Refreshments, set lunches, snacks and licensed bar.
Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire (0565 54822). Until Mar 15. Today 2-9pm, Thurs, Fri 11am-9pm. Adult £2. Child £1, car park £1.

LIVERPOOL MUSEUM'S LUNCHTIME SESSIONS: Meeting with museum staff to look at and talk about Labour History Collection.
Labour History Museum, Liverpool, Merseyside (051 227 5234), 12.45pm, free.

CHIPPERFIELDS CIRCUS: Traditional family circus.
Milton Keynes Bowl, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire (0908 691443). Until Mar 15. 4.45pm, 7.30pm. Ringside seats, Adult £6, child £4; tiers, adult £3, £4, child £2, £3.

TAPE-SLIDE PRESENTATIONS: English 13th century manuscripts (12.30pm), medieval apocalypse manuscripts (2pm).
British Library Seminar Room, Great Russell St, London WC1 (01-636 1544), free.

WE CAME, WE SAW, WE THEN DID...: An exhibition of follow-up work, the result of gallery exhibitions.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-588 3675). Until Apr 5. Mon-Sat 9am-11pm; Sun 12noon-11pm, free.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE RHS GARDENS: Let the experts show you how to prune your roses.
Royal Horticultural Society Garden, Wisley, Woking, Surrey (0483 224234). Until Mar 13. 10.30am-12.00pm. Adult £2, child 6-14 £1.

IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION: 400 stands, 8 show houses, numerous displays including interiors, furniture, gardening, arts and crafts, advisory services.
Earls Court, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-385 1234). Until Apr 5, daily, 10am-8pm. Adult £3.60, child £2.20. After 5pm adult £2.90, child £1.50.

CHELSEA ANTIQUES FAIR: Major fair with 40 top dealers selling mainly to pre-1830 dateliners.
Chelsea Old Town Hall, Kings Road, London SW3. Today-Mar 21. Tue-Fri 11am-8pm. Sat 11am-6pm, £2.50 including catalogue.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

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THE ARTS

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TELEVISION

The current series of *The Max Headroom Show* (Channel 4) came to an appropriate close as the ultimate in disposable chat show hosts met his *Doppelgänger* Jackie Collins, the ultimate in disposal celebrities. As the two confronted each other it was hard to tell which bore the closest resemblance to plastic. With identical flawless finish complexions, white tuxedos and creaseless smiles they exchanged compliments and bolstered each other's self-importance.



No dummy: Max Headroom

Jackie told Max that in her books women are really strong and out there and doing what they want to do, that the casting couch is alive and well and living in Hollywood, and that her raunchy descriptions of life around the pool were purely toned-down versions of the truth.

Max appeared to believe all this: or perhaps he's just become lazy enough to imagine that a little bit of irony – "when this show is just another dirty smudge on the dressing-room wall of Life" – goes a long enough way.

Plastics were only a fraction of the trouble with the world as seen through the eyes of American ecologists Paul and Anne Erlich in *Earth: The Shadow of Humanity* (ITV), which painted a terrifying picture of an eventual landscape of charred plains, stagnant pools and skeletal trees adorned, not by leaves, but by non-biodegradable rubbish.

"I'm beginning to wonder if we are not an evolutionary error," pondered one dapper conservationist as he described the lemming-like ignorance of the human race, while another volunteered "that in real terms we are sliding silently into a crisis". This was the result of the constant battle between the desire to maximize financial potential and the natural life processes of the earth, hereafter to be known as eco-systems.

No doubt they are right – and very disturbing it is, too – but unfortunately such was the unremitting gloom and doom of this whistle-blowing (narrated by Anna Massey in tones of pained resignation), that fairly quickly it lost any edge and became solely a litany of bad news.

If, as the Erlichs claimed at the beginning, the series is an attempt to "take the planet to the doctors", I hope that next week their near-fatal prognosis will be followed up by the suggestion of a cure.

Alexandra Shulman

Standing back from life

On the eve of the publication of his first novel for eight years, V. S. Naipaul discusses it with Nicholas Shakespeare

When an undergraduate at Oxford, V. S. Naipaul once tried to kill himself. Sealing off the window and the bottom of the door, he turned on the gas, climbed on to his bed and lay, fully clothed, to await the Reaper. When the gas ran out a few minutes later, he found he had no money for the meter.

Reminded of this 25 years on, the writer shakes his head and just says, "terrible". It seems circumspect not to mention the *denouement* his friends envisaged for him; that having rummaged for, and found, a sixpence, he would have decided this was really too much to spend on his own death.

For, if the writer has survived, so has his liverish gloom. "One is very, very tired. One is so tired one does not even know one is tired." He sits in a bare flat off Baker Street, after a minor altercation with his wife over their lack of heating. "I telephoned someone I knew recently. 'How are you', they said. 'I feel worn out', I replied. 'Worn out by living?' they supposed. 'Yes', I said, 'it does wear you out; this sheer exhaustion brought on by living too long'."

The writing has got harder, too. "To be a writer you have to be an athlete," he says gravely, picking fastidiously at his words. "You have to be physically very fit. It is a prodigious labour to hold a big book in one's head."

In one sense *The Enigma of Arrival* is the book that has been lodged in his head since 1950 when, as a diffident 17-year-old from Trinidad, he arrived in England determined to become a writer. Naipaul's first novel for eight years, it is also his most autobiographical work, because it charts "the writer's journey". Given that most of his books were written here, it is also a very English journey – progressing from Earl's Court bedsits to a rented cottage in Wiltshire, in the shadow of a flinty manor house.

"Every writer comes trailing his own personality and background," he says. "I've always felt it very necessary for me with my racial and cultural background, and yet writing in English, to define my personality more clearly and incorporate it in a book. The result is not an autobiography. It is just" – he places his fingers against his head – "one's internal development; a development not in terms of people, but in what one writes."

There is no doubting the stature of the man, but one remains baffled by the nature of the beast. In his non-fiction, he leaves the tracks of an Atlas borne down by the weight of the Third World. In his social comedies, however, evidence suggests the hot pursuit of a sea lion, balancing the globe expertly on its nose. What makes *The Enigma of Arrival* a difficult trail to follow is the almost anaemic detachment of the author from his surroundings.

At the heart of the novel lies the relationship between the author and his aristocratic – but unnamed – landlord, Stephen Tennant, who died last week. Naipaul only spotted him twice, but though he felt "an immense sympathy" he felt no urge to meet him. "If one had met him, one couldn't have done the book."

He explains: "The observer must try to maintain a distance from his characters. It is better that they remain phantasmata. The less you get the better."He heaves an audible breath and looks at his watch. "How many words are you writing? You've got quite enough." When I tell him that is exactly what he told his last interviewer, he allows himself a smile.

We walk the short distance to his favourite Japanese restaurant. It is as empty as his flat, giving the manager ample time for courtesies. He had only recently discovered Naipaul was a writer. Did they sell his books in London? Embarrassed, his customer orders stuffed aubergine.

Having lived to become a writer, what does Naipaul think of the world? Does he think it a good place? "It's all that we have," he says wryly. "But I'm so shattered by the triumphs of Marxism among degraded countries, that something so intellectually trivial should have so many adherents."

We talk of Argentina, where he was once arrested, and then released because the security forces concluded no self-respecting *pistolero* would smoke a meerschaum pipe; of the Iran/Iraq war – "A lovely war, because they all die with a song in their hearts. Few people are given that opportunity. And to get in the way between man and heaven is very wrong."

Finally, and briefly, we talk of his younger brother Shiva, who died two years ago and to whom Naipaul's novel is dedicated. "He once said that his principal emotion was apprehension. He was born with it. I seldom saw him. I should have paid more attention.

"I wish," he confesses, at last regretting his detachment, "I had been six years older."

The bill comes, the manager bows and we return into the crowded, chilly street. Warmly, Naipaul shakes my hand. He has to go now to the Barbican, to meet an accountant about his will. "Fifty four isn't so young, you know," he says, waving goodbye.

The Enigma of Arrival is published tomorrow by Viking at £10.95 and will be reviewed on the Books Page by Peter Ackroyd

Nick Rogers



V. S. Naipaul: "One is so tired one does not even know one is tired"

CONCERT

Endymion/ Whitfield
Purcell Room

A concert series looking at refractions of Ravel is perhaps bound to include a large number of splintered images, but this fourth instalment of the Endymion Ensemble's cycle was particularly bitty. There were seven pieces, none of them more than about 10 minutes long, and the lack of a central weight – after the cancellation of the promised Ligeti Horn Trio – seemed to make things as unsatisfactory for the performers as for the audience.

Sarah Leonard and Schoenberg, though, are exempt from this stricture. "Herzgewächse", that glassy breath of a song, is rarely performed, because of its difficulty and unusual accompanying ensemble of harp, celesta and harmonium.

But Leonard took hold of it with astonishing confidence, gauging the leaps way above the stave with perfect accuracy and holding the top notes with uncanny firmness. It was an achievement to make the work sound so possible.

There cannot be many singers whose repertoire includes both this piece of esoteric Schoenberg and Ravel's *Chansons madécasses*, normally regarded as mezzo material. But though there was inevitably less sultry warmth than usual in Leonard's performance, her finer, fresher, tighter view of the songs made them new – and was answered by lean playing from flautist Helen Keen, cellist Matthew Barley and pianist Michael Dussek.

Leonard also made an important contribution to Oliver Knussen's *Océan de terre*, conducted here by John Whitfield, which provocatively treats an Apollinaire poem as if it were a tale to frighten children, with rich and strange marine fauna palpitating in the instrumental tissue.

Anthony Powers' programme note for his *Nymphéas* included something about giving the impression of a much larger ensemble, but Knussen's octet worked that trick far more successfully than did his own 12-piece band. Takemitsu's *Water Ways*, directed by Daniel Asia, could hardly fail to give pleasure.

Paul Griffiths

More matter, less art?

The National Portrait Gallery's bid for more floor-space could be thwarted by lack of finance. Gavin Bell reports

William Hogarth, sergeant painter to King George II, is evidently not impressed by fish and chips. His bust, facing north in Leicester Square, pointedly ignores a garish neon sign behind him proclaiming the dish to be "The Great British Invention".

Hogarth might find the southern aspect of the square more appealing, if the National Portrait Gallery succeeds in acquiring the site for its collection of 20th century British paintings, sculptures and drawings. So far, however, it has not raised the necessary funds, and is in imminent danger of losing out to commercial developers.

At stake is an adjacent six-storey red brick building, formerly occupied by the Royal

> "Pictures are hung too high, and can't be seen properly"

Dental Hospital, which transferred to Guy's Hospital in December, 1985. Surviving ground-floor tenants include the fish and chip shop and a pancake restaurant.

The South-West Thames Regional Health Authority, which owns the freehold, invited tenders last December. The bids closed last month. They are known to include an hotel project, and a mixed office-and-residential development. Despite appeals to Government and private benefactors, the gallery has been unable to compete. The trustees, supported by Royal Academy president Roger de Grey, personally took their case to Mrs Thatcher – without success.

Dr John Hayes, the gallery director, remains hopeful that his aesthetic vision of the square will attract a sponsor at the eleventh hour, but he concedes that time is running out. "What we have is an opportunity to transform a shabby prime location into a major cultural complex," he says, "a showpiece of modern British art linking up with the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square and leading down Long Acre to Covent Garden. What we risk having is just another hotel or office development."

Hayes cites a history of official support. In 1972, a White Paper by the Heath government agreed in principle that the gallery required a new building. In 1983, the Museums and Galleries Commission said it should have priority in Government capital expenditure. More recently, the Office of Arts and Libraries accepted that it should have 20,000 square metres of floor space – almost three times the gallery's present capacity.

The shortage of space became critical with the opening of the 20th century collection, in 1984. Largely responsible for a large increase in visitors – particularly among the young – the collection now comprises more than 1,000 works, but only 60 per cent of them can be displayed at any one time, crammed into in three small rooms in the gallery. Hayes' view is direct: "We are constantly rearranging things, but it is not very satisfactory. We are getting a lot of complaints that paintings are hung too high, and cannot be seen properly."

The dental hospital was initially offered to the gallery last year, as an inter-departmental transfer from the DHSS. The price – fixed by an independent valuer – was £6,175,000. On the basis of a feasibility study by a firm of leading architects, the gallery proposed that it would pay for the conversion through private sponsorship if the Government would finance the transfer.

"We estimated the development costs at £14.4 million, taking into account inflation over six years, so we considered it a very fair offer," Hayes says. "But the response was that the transfer could not be accommodated in the arts budget."

The gallery then found itself in a common Catch-22 position: Government unwilling to help without some firm commitment from the private

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sector, and sponsors reluctant to pledge funds without a similar guarantee from Government.

The Government is ready to help transfer a Crown Lease on a smaller, adjacent property to the Gallery for office use. A similar lease on the adjoining dental school, which has also been transferred to Guy's Hospital, is contingent upon the sale of the larger hospital building.

Acquisition of all three properties would give the gallery 7,300 square metres of additional space, connected to its existing building by a covered pedestrian bridge.

Hayes believes that Westminster City Council, which approved the gallery's plans a year ago, favours it over the commercial projects. He is also encouraged by indications from the regional health authority that the site would not necessarily go to the highest bidder, but rather to the "most acceptable".The authority is not prepared to discuss the bids, saying only that it was examining them and would announce a decision as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the gallery is making a last-ditch effort to enlist support from private benefactors, in the hope of persuading the Government that its project is in the national interest. The great Hogarth's expression remains unchanging.



Hopeful: John Hayes, director of the National Portrait Gallery

THEATRE

A Piece of My Mind
Theatre Royal, York

The first fruit of Peter Nichols's disenchanted retirement from the theatre, this dazzling piece concerns a disenchanted playwright who retires to the country to write novels, finds the task beyond him, and recycles the experience as a work for the stage.

It sounds like a recipe for narcissistic triviality, especially as George, the writer, inhabits a gas-cloud of paranoid envy and values his family principally as raw material for his work. However, Nichols has a record of turning impossibilities to his advantage: and in this case, he turns the non-event of a writer's block into a multi-dimensional, action-packed comedy.

As befits a writer's study, the set is an infinitely transformable magic box. With its four doors it is also a standard farcical space, to which Nichols adds one non-farcical exit: a coffin into which George is shovelled in the opening scene while his wife and deadly professional rival make love on the lid.

Typically, this is then revealed as the hero's nightmare: and the play embarks on a rags-to-heart-attacks life story spanning 20 years, intercutting naturalism, actuality, enactments of the abortive novel and frequent intrusions by a critic pouring scorn on the work in progress. Nichols is before me with references to Pirandello, but there is no other comparison for his ability to show characters fighting back against the author.

If any defence is needed for this wonderful box of tricks, it is that the human mind is just such a box. In Nichols's case it also operates as a lie-detector, each narrative strand developing into a lie which has to be undercut until the corrective strand likewise develops its own mendacious momentum.

The result is a coldly brilliant moral comedy by a man whose profound suspicion of the theatre is the mainspring of his dramatic power. In Justin Greene's agile production, it is well served by an aggressive, crest-fallen George Cole, with prodigious doubling from Anna Carteret, Gwyneth Strong and Jerome Willis.

Irving Wardle

Danton's Death
Young Vic Studio

London now has three – small – theatres offering seasons of plays by German, Austrian, French and Scandinavian authors, putting to shame the RSC and National, which have not mounted a quality production of continental work for months. At the Young Vic Studio the Rude Mechanicals follow their imaginative, though flawed, *Faust* with Büchner's first play, which – unlike every other 19th-century historical play I can think of – is still able to hold the stage today.

Not that you would notice its quality in this production. Never before have I felt an urge to run down on to the stage and say, "No, you're doing it all wrong! Try sitting in a line at the back, come forward when you have to act and then go back again."

I would also do away with the revolutionary songs bawled out in French every time the scenes are changed. The play is supposed to be a translation.

And another thing: not one of the perfectly composed performers looks as if he had been dragged through the stink of bloody revolution. Danton has lost heart – that is what leads to his downfall – but Steven Dykes neither appears nor sounds as if he could ever have been a collossus. Nor does Des McAleer, except when thinking aloud, indicate Robespierre's chilling power. Only Andy Wincott, as Danton's ironic chum Herault, paces and animates his lines.

Jeremy Kingston

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NEW MUSIC

Nobody, in the past fortnight or so, could complain that it has been difficult to find performances in London of the music of today. This week's most enterprising venture is the Guildhall Contemporary Music Festival which, as all good festivals should, is exploring both the highways – Schoenberg, Messiaen, Ives, and a touch of Takemitsu and Berio – and some intriguing byways, including a concert of new Australian music and works by composers still studying at the Guildhall.

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the week is that it is the students, not the staff, who have organized it all. It is reassuring to know that students exist who do not subscribe to the widely held – and still all-too widely taught – theory that only old music can possibly be good music. The young string sextet which played the Schoenberg did so with extraordinary passion, precision and richness of sound.

The standard repertoire over, four different string players appeared to give a tenacious first performance of Matthew Taylor's First Quartet. Taylor says his biggest influences include the Scandinavian symphonic tradition and the work of Robert Simpson, and consequently he cultivates a language firmly based upon the premises of traditional tonality.

As yet, however, he does now show sufficient structural economy, his rhythms tend to be on the wooden side and too predictably sequential, and he could easily afford to forego some of that dogged, lightless counterpoint in favour of a few more daring, more colourful sounds.

Then it was back to the music of earlier times, with performances by the Guildhall New Music Vocal Ensemble of music by Morton Feldman and John Cage, the latter a "circus" of several songs put together by Gregory Rose and sung simultaneously (this was no heresy, as Cage thought of the concept himself).

Feldman's two pieces, *Christian Wolff in Cambridge*, are nothing more than sustained pianissimo chords, perfect as exercises in control and aural perception, but boring to listen to.

Stephen Pettitt

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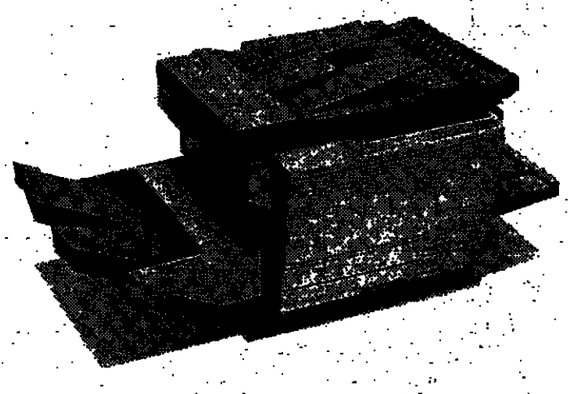
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STOCK MARKET

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FT-SE 100
1987.7 (+14.0)

Bargains
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USM (Datastream)
155.75 (+1.20)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5845 (–0.0005)

W German mark
2.9385 (–0.0037)

Trade-weighted
72.1 (–0.3)

Al-Fayeds are sued by Lonrho

Lonrho, Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's international trading group, last night issued a writ claiming substantial damages against the Al-Fayed family which owns House of Fraser, the Harrods group.

A statement from Lonrho said it had issued a writ against the three Al-Fayed brothers, their company, House of Fraser Holdings, the merchant bank Kleinwort Benson, and the bank's former director, Mr John MacArthur.

The writ claims damages for fraudulent conspiracy against Lonrho and fraudulent and negligent mis-statements of fact to the Office of Fair Trading, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and the former board of House of Fraser.

The Al-Fayeds beat Lonrho for control of House of Fraser in 1985. Since then, Lonrho has conducted a campaign against the takeover.

Meanwhile, House of Fraser yesterday announced the resignation of its long-standing marketing director, Mr Peter Brimacombe. He has been succeeded by Mr Michael Ellis-Jones.



Profits soar at Barrick

American Barrick Resources, now only a modest shareholder in Consolidated Gold Fields having earlier kept the City on tenterhooks because of its mystery 4.99 per cent stake, reports a 1986 net income of Can$15.1 million (£7.02 million). This compares with Can$4 million previously after a 60.5 per cent increase in the year's gold production to 186,072 ounces.

Prestwich up

Prestwich Holdings, the fast-growing consumer electronics and video group, pushed profits up by 33 per cent to a record £2.75 million in the half-year to end-December. The interim dividend is going up from 0.35p to 0.4p.

Aircraft talks

British and Saudi Arabian officials concluded two days of discussions on Monday on how to offset part of the $7.5 billion (£4.7 billion) Tornado aircraft accord with British investment in the kingdom. No details were disclosed.

Profit up 76%

Wickes, the DIY retailer, reported pretax profits up 76 per cent at £6.5 million in the 12 months to end-January. A final dividend of 1.67p was declared, making a total of 2.5p for the year.

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Civil servant 'fed City network'

Three takeover 'leaks' probed

By Lawrence Lever

The Department of Trade inspectors investigating possible insider dealing by civil servants have studied evidence that price-sensitive information on at least three takeover situations was leaked by a civil servant to a network of people who dealt on the information.

The inspectors have considered evidence that the decision to refer the £110 million Norton Opax bid for McCorquodale, the security printer, was leaked by the civil servant. They are also studying evidence that the outside network, which involves at least one stockbroking firm, sold McCorquodale shares on the basis of the leak.

Other takeover bids to come under the inspectors' scrutiny include GEC's £1.2 billion bid for Plessey, the electronics group. The bid was blocked by a majority decision of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, announced last August.

The inspectors have examined evidence that this decision – coupled with the fact that there would be a dissenting voice – was also leaked to the network by the civil servant.

Evidence suggesting that the decision to refer Hillsdown's £486 million bid for S&W Berisford, the commodities group, to the MMC was leaked has also been scrutinized by the inspectors.

The Government has already indicated that its insider dealing inquiry has uncovered evidence implicating a junior civil servant. She is a secretary who is believed to have passed price-sensitive information to her brother who worked in the City.

The Government hoped that the inquiry would be completed in early January at the latest. However, its progress has been delayed by the fact that the brother is understood to have left the country shortly after the inquiry was announced last December. He is now believed to be living in Israel and showing no indication that he intends to return.

Moreover, two key witnesses have refused to give evidence to the inspectors – one on health grounds and the other simply out of a reluctance to co-operate. One of the witnesses has since relented.

The inquiry itself was triggered by a national newspaper journalist whose information to the DTI led to an informal investigation within the department last year. This uncovered prima facie evidence of insider dealing emanating from leaks from either the Department of Trade or the Office of Fair Trading.

After the inquiry was announced, Mr Peter Crozier, one of the inspectors, held a number of informal interviews with officials within the Office of Fair Trading. At least one stockbroker is understood to have given evidence on oath to the inspectors.

Tesco moves north with £151m bid for Hillards

Big battle likely as store seeks to boost its market share in Yorkshire

By John Bell
City Editor

The high street battle for a bigger share of Britain's groceries market moved north yesterday with a £151 million takeover bid by Tesco for the Yorkshire-based Hillards group.

Tesco, spreading out from its southern power-base, wants the 40 Hillards stores in the Yorkshire region to boost its 3½ per cent local market share. Nationally, Tesco accounts for close on 13 per cent of the packaged grocery market.

Mr Ian Maclaurin, the chairman, telephoned Hillards late on Monday to say he was about to lay an offer on the table. Hillards, one of the City's most rumoured bid targets, has long insisted on its preference for an independent future. It reacted predictably.

The move took the City by surprise. Hillards shares soared 92p to 313p, while Tesco was up 10p to 480p. True to form, the Hillards board roundly condemned the offer. It was unwelcome and took no account of future prospects, Hillards said yesterday.



Shopping around: Ian Maclaurin, chairman of Tesco

Mr David Reid, Tesco's finance director, said his board would have preferred an agreed deal but was not prepared to risk the possibility of a sharp rise in the Hillards price by delaying the bid. "We did not want to tip them off about our intentions," he said.

The takeover would add Hillards' 6½ per cent market share to Tesco's 3½ per cent in Yorkshire, leaving Tesco still well behind its rivals in the region. The Co-ops have about 15 per cent, with Asda (18 per cent), J Sainsbury (11 per cent) and William Morrison (11 per cent) as Tesco's biggest rivals.

Hillards has been spending heavily on updating its store portfolio. More than 12 of the 40 outlets are in the modern superstore category

Tesco says the sales per sq ft at Hillards are some way below its own average of £8.60 and that with better buying power, rationalization of distribution and stronger own-label sales, they can be improved considerably. In its new generation of superstores, Tesco is achieving about £14 in sales per sq ft.

Tesco is not anticipating problems with the Office of Fair Trading. Nationally, the deal will add about 1½ per cent to its market share, lifting the total to 15 per cent.

Tesco's move sparked off rises in shares of other small regional supermarket chains on *thoughts that Tesco and* others might prefer to improve geographical coverage by acquisition rather than by green-field development. Biggest movers were William Low, up 22p to 589p and William Morrison, up 13p to 241p in early trading.

Terms of the offer are 13 Tesco shares for every 20 Hillards, putting a value of slightly more than 300p on each Hillards share.

Pressure builds for one point rates cut

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Hopes of a one-point cut in base rates next week sent down interest rates in the money markets yesterday. Government stocks rose strongly.

Heavy demand is expected for the £1 billion tap stock – 8¾ per cent Treasury loan 1997 "B" – when it becomes available to the market today.

Yesterday, gilts gained up to 1½ points, stimulated by foreign buying (mainly from Japan), a good Conservative showing in the opinion polls and sterling's resilience to Monday's cut in base rates from 11 to 10.5 per cent.

The excitement over base rate prospects in the money markets also helped the gilt market. The three-month interbank rate closed about a quarter of a point down at 10⅛-10 per cent, consistent with an immediate cut in base rates to 10 per cent.

However, with the Bank of England not expected to sanction any further base rate moves until after next Tuesday's Budget, the momentum is expected to build up for a cut of a full point in base rates, to 9.5 per cent.

The building societies would be expected to cut mortgage rates from the present 12.25 per cent level to 11 or 11.25 per cent if base rates were cut to 10 per cent. A reduction to 9.5 per cent in base rates would guarantee such a move.

The Midland Bank reduced its mortgage rate from 12.5 to 11.5 per cent on Monday, *cutting the net monthly* payment on a £20,000 mortgage by £9.66. But other institutions appear to be waiting until after the Budget before making a move.

The pound was steady yesterday. The sterling index fell 0.3 to 72.1, but the pound was barely changed, at $1.5845.

LIG sale

London International Group may sell its Haffenden Moulding subsidiary, which makes hot water bottles at Sandwich, Kent. LIG said the prospective buyers intended to carry on the business with the present 436 workforce.

Hongkong Bank profits rise 11%

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday announced an increase in net profits of 11 per cent to HK$3.05 billion (£245.9 million) up from HK$2.70 billion last year as profits from associated companies rose sharply.

The bank announced also a rights issue of 471 million *shares worth HK$3.3 billion* and a one for eight scrip issue.

The bank said that the rights issue was in order to maintain the capital ratio in relation to the rapidly growing balance sheet.

Banks with a strong capital position would be in a better position than other institutions to take advantage of opportunities in the banking sector.

Considering the volatility of financial markets and the trend towards improved capital ratios, an increase in the group's capital was necessary, the bank said.

The shares are being offered provisionally on a one for eight basis at a price of HK$7, *compared with a current mar*ket price for the bank's shares of about HK$10.

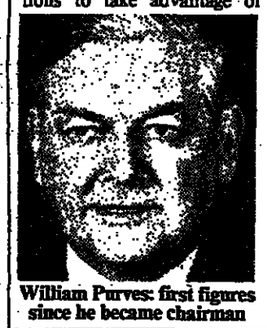
The bank announced a full year dividend of HK$0.41, up from HK$0.38, with earnings per share increasing from HK$0.72 to HK$0.81.

They are the first figures to be announced since Mr William Purves took over as chairman of the bank in December last year from Sir Michael Sandberg, who has retired.

The capitalization shares will not qualify for the rights issue or for a special interim dividend.

The profit result matched analysts' predictions although the contribution to net profits by associated companies, which jumped from HK$198 million to HK$529 million during the year, was above expectations.

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William Purves: first figures since he became chairman

Wolseley disappoints with 89% profit rise

Wolseley, the heating and plumbing merchant, disappointed the market yesterday, despite results for the six months to January showing pretax profits up 89 per cent to £32.1 million, and the shares fell 27p to 664p. Turnover rose from £301 million to £468.8 million. An interim dividend of 4p was declared.

Mr Jeremy Lancaster, the chairman, expects the British distribution business to expand its branch network and win market share. However, he draws attention to the slowdown in US economic growth. The US business, Carolina Builders, included for a month in the first half, contributed £3 million, while the Grovewood companies contributed £9.8 million.

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Guinness case over £5.2m resumes

By Our City Staff

The Guinness affair returns to the Royal Court in Jersey today as the brewing and spirits group attempts to find out who now holds the £5.2 million which was paid out by the old Guinness board to a Jersey nominee company.

The money is the largest single amount from £25 million worth of invoices unearthed by Guinness, for which it has said there is no satisfactory explanation.

By unravelling the Jersey payment, Guinness may be able to indentify other recipients of the £25 million.

Guinness has obtained already a court order against the nominee company and a director, Mr Michael Dee, requiring them to disclose the *information.*

It claims that the payment was made by Mr Olivier Roux, the former finance director, on the instructions of Mr Thomas Ward, the American lawyer asked to resign his directorship of Guinness, and Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief-executive of Guinness.

Last week Guinness argued in court that Mr Dee had not given full disclosure within the terms of the court order – an argument which Mr Dee disputed.

Today's hearing is to determine whether Mr Dee has given sufficient information. The terms of the court order require him to disclose "the nature and whereabouts" of the £5.2 million or any assets bought with the money.

He has also to give to the Guinness lawyers "the names and addresses of the persons who have held or are holding" the money or assets.

Woolworth pays £19m for car parts group

By Ray Heath

A £19 million agreed bid for the Charlie Browns Car Parts *group made by Woolworth* Holdings yesterday has signalled the stores group's intention of gaining a much larger share of the £5 billion a year independent spare parts and accessories market.

Woolworth is paying 316p per share in cash for Charlie Browns, a West Yorkshire-based group which came to the Unlisted Securities Market in 1985 at 76p a share.

The company offers motorists a "fit here, or take it away" service on spares and accessories as well as servicing and *instant MOT tests at more* than 40 centres around the country.

Customers who do not have the skills or inclination to tinker with their cars can buy parts from Browns supermarkets and then have them fitted in adjacent service bays.

Last year the company made profits of £922,000 on a turnover of £5.996 million *and in November the chair*man, Mr Andrew Bairstow, reported that sales in the year to the end of January were up by 25 per cent.

Woolworth plans to merge Charlie Browns with its own B&Q autocentre operation, which now has five outlets offering similar services, and intends the rapid development of a nationwide chain of car-care centres.

A major attraction of Browns is its centralized warehousing facility, which already has the capacity to service about 100 automotive supermarkets.

The combined businesses will have the potential to become the clear leader in the autocentre market, said Woolworth yesterday.

Yesterday's deal, although small in relation to Woolworths' other business, can be regarded as further evidence that the car care market is *going to go through the sort of* revolution which has affected the rest of the retail world over the last two decades.

The other major players are already widening their buinesses. The Edinburgh-based Kwik-Fit group, which has about 360 outlets, has been expanding its range of services from exhaust systems and batteries to include the fitting of shock absorbers and oil changes.

Its Stop'n'Steer stations specializing in brakes, steering and suspension now offer clutch replacement, servicing and MOT testing.

The Halfords subsidiary of Ward White has been opening edge-of-town centres offering sales and service, and last year forecast that it would have expanded from 18 to 30 stores by about the end of January this year.

Owners Abroad moving up

By Our City Staff

Owners Abroad, the holiday *group, is applying for promo*tion from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing with the backing of record profits and further expansion into the airline business.

The group made pretax profits of £5.193 million in the 10 months to end-October, against £3.81 million in the previous 12 months. In November and December, the first two months of the current *year and a quiet period* for travel companies, Owners Abroad lost £160,000. Thus the 12-month figure for comparison with 1985 was £5.033 million.

Load factors for Owners Abroad last year were a record 97.7 per cent. The company expects a similar take-up of its accommodation and flights this year.

Although earnings per share *have risen from 3.40p to* 5.52p, the dividend is held at 1.5p per share.

The company's directors believe the package tour industry will be short of aircraft seats in the future and have arranged a lease on a third Boeing 757 airliner from next year for its Air 2000 subsidiary.

Higher diamond sales set to boost De Beers

Everyone's best friend

By Colin Campbell

Diamonds are not only a girl's best friend. They are *increasingly becoming the* investor's friend as well, as evidence mounts that the days of recession in the world diamond industry are over.

Early indications are that this year will see the 1980 record of rough diamonds sold through the Central Selling Organization, De Beers' marketing arm, easily broken.

In 1980, sales of roughs totalled $2.72 billion (£1.75 billion) only to slump by 46 per cent in 1981 to $1.47 billion and then to $1.26 billion in 1982, leading to a crisis of investment confidence in De Beers. The company was forced, for only the second time, to cut its dividend.

It was a crisis from which De Beers only recently recovered. But after 1986 annual CSO diamond sales of $2.56 billion (up 40.3 per cent on 1985's $1.82 billion) and yesterday's December year-end results from De Beers showing a higher dividend payment and much improved profits, the worst is over.

Annual diamond sales this year are estimated to top $2.9 billion and if, as expected, the benefits flow through to De Beers, a further dividend increase looks assured.

Two essential factors lie behind De Beers' success in regaining control of its market. First, *the marketing* expertise of the CSO, which is responsible for almost 85 per cent of the West's diamonds.

Secondly, the enormous financial muscle that has allowed it to help fund massive stockpiles during times when demand from the cutting centres, and in turn the jewellery trade, has been depressed, and a multi-million dollar advertising campaign to spread the gospel that diamonds are forever when times are buoyant.

Because diamonds are priced and sold in dollars, currency weakness has also helped. Last year, the CSO

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was able to impose two price increases in one year – in May there was a 7.5 per cent price rise, followed by one of 7 per cent in November. The market easily absorbed the increases, and although the financial benefits of the May increase were only partly evident in De Beers' 1986 results, and the impact of the November rise is only just beginning to work through, the real magic will be seen in a year's time when 1987 results are to hand.

If the dollar remains weak and demand continues to improve, a further price increase in 1987 cannot be ruled out. De Beers-CSO is never slow to take best advantage of market conditions.

Currency movements have *also seen a sharp increase in* Japanese jewellery demand for diamonds. And the marketing drive to expand the lure of *diamonds continues.* Initially, the social barriers over diamonds for men were hard to break down, but converts are being won in Latin America and on the Continent in what is proving an increasingly lucrative outlet

An encouraging feature of recent market trends has been the growing demand for the larger, and therefore, more profitable stones. Yesterday, De Beers announced it would re-open its Koffiefontein diamond mine and expand production facilities at other sites.

But if De Beers and the CSO still dominate the world industry, Australia is the world's largest producer. In 1986, Australian rough diamond production – thanks to the start-up of the Argyle operation in Western Australia – reached 29.21 million carats.

Zaire was second with an annual production of 20 million carats, followed by Botswana with 12.9 million, the Soviet Union 12 million, and South Africa with about 10 million carats.

Diamonds are back in fashion, and according to Mr Peter Miller, research analyst at L Messel & Co, a subsidiary of Shearson Lehman Brothers, the world diamond market is *clearly in the early stages of a* bull phase.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2273.08 (+12.94)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	21214.46 (+48.06)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2731.05 (–89.33)
Amsterdam: Gen	269.4 (–0.3)
Sydney: AO	1635.3 (–5.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1750.5 (–5.2)
Brussels:	
General	4417.00 (+57.22)
Paris: CAC	438.0 (–5.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	598.50 (+3.30)
London: FT-A	n/a
FT. Gilts	89.55 (+0.30)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 10⅛-10%
3-month eligible bills: $9^{13}/_{16}$-$9^{11}/_{16}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.65-5.64%*
30-year bonds $99^{28}/_{32}$-$99^{27}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5845	£: $1.5855*
£: DM2.9385	$: DM1.8565*
£: SwFr2.4750	$: SwFr1.5625*
£: FFr9.7875	$: FFr6.1775*
£: Yen243.22	$: Yen153.57*
£: Index:72.1	$: Index:104.2
ECU £0.706855	SDR £0.792163

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Persimmon	374p (+18p)
APV	674p (+17p)
LEC Refrigeration	280p (+17p)
Hillards	311p (+90p)
William Low	588p (+21p)
William Morrison	249p (+21p)
Body Shop	673p (+62p)
GUS 'A'	1399p (+24p)
UDO Holdings	243p (+25p)
Abbot Mead	320p (+20p)
Barbour Index	332p (+17p)
Union Discount	863p (+55p)
Brint Investments	395p (+30p)
FII Group	440p (+22p)

FALLS:

Williams	705p (–17p)
Wolseley	668p (–23p)
J Hewitt	262p (–18p)
Chambers & Fargus	83p (–32p)
Low & Bonar	257p (–19p)
Lambert Howarth	295p (–20p)

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Superbowl threatens Lloyds Bank move

Plans by Lloyds Bank to move an administrative headquarters from London to Bristol, with the creation of 700 jobs, suffered a setback yesterday when another developer put in a plan to build a £150 million sports superbowl on the same site. The Lloyds plan was to demolish disused bonded tobacco warehouses at Cannons Marsh, in the city's dockland, to build its new office block.

The site is outside the city's planned zone for office development, but the bait of so many jobs is thought to be sufficient for the council to change its policy when it meets to give a final verdict next month. The Bristol Superbowl, however, which would provide international sporting facilities, is the type of scheme for which the site was originally earmarked.

Abbott Mead leaps to £3m

Abbott Mead Vickers, the rapidly expanding advertising agency, raised profits from £2.25 million to £3.06 million last year. Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 2p a share making a total for the year of 3.5p. This compares with the 1.5p total paid in the previous financial year to December 1985.

Salvesen sells land offshoot

Christian Salvesen, the food distribution and industrial services group, has left the housebuilding and property business. This follows the sale of its land holding subsidiary, Ashton and McCaul, for £1.4 million. The company has raised more than £55 million from the sale of its operations in the sector.

Bid for US publisher

New York (Reuter) – The largest individual shareholder of Harper and Row, one of the biggest American independent book publishers, made a $147 million (£93 million) takeover offer yesterday. Mr Theodore Cross, the publisher of several business and professional journals, who has a 6 per cent stake in the company, is offering $34 a share.

His offer is substantially above the company's share price, which climbed 75 cents to $25 on the news. Harper and Row, which was founded in 1817 and went public just four years ago, is 46 per cent-owned by its employees.

New head for IDV drinks



Mr Allen Sheppard (right), group chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, is to become chairman of the IDV drinks arm. This follows the £800 million takeover of the Smirnoff vodka group. Heublein, which is being merged with the IDV operation. The appointment is an indication of IDV's strategic importance.

'Surprise' loss at VW

Volkswagen, the West German car manufacturer, yesterday said it had lost DM480 million (£163 million) through possibly illegal foreign exchange manipulations. Although reserves will have to be set aside for the losses, Herr Ortwin Witzel, a spokesman for the company, said the management would propose an unchanged 1986 dividend of DM10 per DM50 common share and DM11 per share for preferred stock. Profit for 1986, even after the necessary provisions, would match earnings in 1985, Herr Witzel said.

The surprise loss appeared when it was discovered that documents supposedly hedging part of the company's huge foreign income against a drop in the foreign exchange value of the dollar had been forged, he said. VW has called in the district attorney's office to investigate the possibility of bringing charges of misrepresentation, fraud and forgery.

STOCK MARKET

Wellcome rebounds on hopes for Aids drug

By Michael Clark

The market should hear news any day now that Wellcome has been given the go-ahead to market its anti-Aids drug, Retrovir, in America by the powerful US Food and Drug Administration.

Shares of Wellcome staged a dramatic turnround in late trading last night, wiping out an early fall and surging by 27p to 475p.

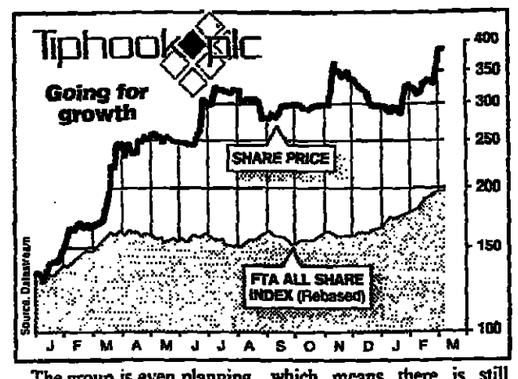
Confirmation of approval should be good news for the Wellcome share price, which is expected to attract strong support from both the Americans and Japanese. Last week, Wellcome received the go-ahead to market the drug, which slows down the spread of the Aids' virus in the sufferer, in this country. It is expected to apply for permission to market the drug in Europe.

The rest of the equity market rallied from a hesitant start stemming from the overnight shakeout on Wall Street. An early fall in the FT index of top 30 shares was quickly recovered and by 4pm it was 3.6 up at 1,579.9. The broader FT-SE 100 wiped out a 7.9 fall, to finish 14.0 up at 1,987.7.

Government securities recovered their composure, to score gains of up to £½ at the longer end. Marketmen are still looking for another 1 per cent cut in bank base rates.

Tiphook, the fast-growing container and trailer-rental group, advanced a further 2p, to a new high of 385p and looks set to do even better in the short-term. The shares have now risen by 100p in the past few weeks following the sale of a near 5 per cent stake in rival Mitchell Cotts. Dealers were fearful that Mr Robert Montague, the ambitious chairman of Tiphook, was poised to launch a contested bid for Mitchell Cotts and that this had succeeded in depressing the price.

But Mr Montague has now given up the idea of bids – for the time being at least – and is now concentrating on organic growth. Tiphook's fleet of containers has more than doubled to 60,000 in the past year and it is now diversifying into railway rolling-stock, hoping to benefit from the proposed Channel Tunnel rail-link.



The group is even planning to buy several of its own locomotives at £1 million a piece. This will take a little time to filter through to profits. In the meantime, it is still drawing strength from its core business and pretax profits in the current year should expand from £2.7 million to at least £4.5 million.

There has been plenty of institutional support for the shares in the past few weeks and, word has it, Cazenove, the broker, has also produced an internal "buy" recommendation.

Mr Montague believes he can increase Tiphook's stock market value to £500 million within the next three years, which means there is still plenty of leeway in the share price.

Hopes that Oxford Instruments' fall from grace will be short-lived received a jolt. This high technology group which was once the darling of the stock market slipped 6p to 400p after a visit to Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker. Dealers, who had been hoping that the meeting may would produce the first signs of an improvement in the group's prospects, were disappointed.

Interim figures last autumn, showing pretax profits up 28 per cent at £8.5 million, fell short of market expectations and saw the price collapse from its high of 576p. The shares received another setback in January when talks about a proposed merger with UEI broke down.

Boots, the high street chemist, ran into a few nervous sellers following a visit by brokers to the group's Nottingham headquarters. The absence of any positive news was taken as a sign of weakness by the market, which saw the price retreat 12p to 312p on a turnover of 12 million shares.

But several analysts on the visit were perplexed by the market's reaction and remain bullish about prospects. A second visit by analysts is said to be scheduled for later today and, hopefully, Boots will want to correct any stilted view of the company by the City.

Shares of Pantherella, the USM-quoted, up-market socks group, were suspended at a peak of 170p after receiving a bid approach. At this level, the group is valued at nearly £7 million. At the last count, Sir Hugh Fraser, the former House of Fraser boss, held 21 per cent of the shares.

● FRANKFURT: Shares closed lower in moderate trading as foreign investors sold large blocks of blue chips and professional traders squared long positions in the last hour. The Commerzbank index slipped by 5.2 points to 1,750.5. Brokers attributed the decline to technical profit-taking.

● TOKYO: Shares closed at a record on heavy volume, as banking, Aids drug-related and other sectors pulled ahead in mixed trading. The Nikkei Dow index closed at 21,214.46 (21,166.40).

● SYDNEY: The market fell following the declines in New York and London. A jump in the Australian dollar put downward pressure on many stocks which depend on overseas earnings. The All-Ordinaries index slipped from 1,640.9 to 1635.3.

● HONG KONG: Bearish reports knocked most share prices sharply lower in moderate trading and the Hang Seng index dropped below the crucial psychological-support level of 2,750 which traders said should have been a resistance area. It closed at 2,731.05 (2,820.38).

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,500	Gen Accident	520	Redland	159
Amstrad	4,800	GEC	5,300	Reckitt Colman	68
ASDA-MFI	3,400	Glaxo	2,500	Reed Int	241
Ass Br Foods	750	Globe IT	116	Reuters	203
BET	1,700	Granada	1,100	RMC Group	86
BTR	4,300	Grand Met	4,100	RTZ	1,000
BAT	1,900	GUS 'A'	1,200	Rowntree	380
Barclays	1,400	GRE	237	Royal B of Scot	2,800
Bass	667	GKN	5,600	Royal Ins	426
Beecham	2,100	Guinness	3,200	Saatchi	457
Blue Circle	1,100	Hammerson Pry 'A'	143	Sainsbury (J)	482
BOC	1,000	Hanson	14,000	Scot Newsll	785
Boots	12,000	Hawker Siddeley	340	Sears	4,800
BPB Ind	214	Hillsdown	1,700	Sedgwick Gp	629
BPCC	342	Imp Chem Ind	2,000	Shell	5,400
Br Aerospace	1,200	Imp Cont Gas	1,500	Smith & Nephew	2,700
Br Airways	—	Jaguar	1,200	STC	3,800
Br Gas	85,000	Ladbroke	304	Stan Chart	191
Br Petroleum	5,800	Land Securities	3,600	Storehouse	5,100
Br Telecom	7,200	Legal & Gen	2,100	Sun Alliance	414
Bristol	4,700	Lloyds	1,200	Tarmac	285
Bunzl	65	Lonhro	442	TSB P/P	1,500
Burton	5,900	Marks & Spencer	11,000	Tesco	3,900
Cable & Wireless	8,000	MEPC	3,200	Thorn EMI	2,800
Cadbury Schwep	3,000	Midland	730	Trafalgar House	561
Coats Viyella	754	Nat West	860	Trusthouse Forte	1,200
Com Union	4,400	P & O Dfrd	2,500	Unigate	456
Cons Goldfields	835	Pearson	1,100	Unilever	191
Cookson Gp	347	Pilkington Bros	284	Utd Biscuits	1,200
Courtaulds	1,500	Plessey	5,200	Wellcome	3,700
Dee Corp	2,800	Prudential	335	Willis Faber	107
Dixons Gp	2,900	Racal Elect	2,400	Whitbread 'A'	1,000
English China	307	Rank Org	158	Woolworth	395
Fisons	347	Rank Hovis	747		

WALL STREET

Dow posts small gains on takeover activity

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares were at a slightly lower level in early trading yesterday. After an avalanche of takeover activity on Monday, shares associated with special situations showed only mild gains.

Then share prices turned higher. While shares associated with takeovers still dominated the most-active list, providing the lift for the general market, traders said investors remained cautious, awaiting economic news due this week.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell nine points to 2,251, but recovered to gain 8.86 points to 2,268.98, beating its earlier high of 2,265.04.

Initially, declines led advances by a five-to-four margin on a volume of 25 million shares, but in later trading, advances led declines by a slight margin on a volume of 47 million shares.

Standard & Poor's 500-share index and the New York Stock Exchange composite index registered small gains.

American Motors, which received a takeover proposal from Chrysler, led the actives with a gain of ¼ to 4½.

	Mar 9	Mar 6		Mar 9	Mar 6		Mar 9	Mar 6
AMR Cp	57½	58¾	Firestone	35¾	36½	Pepsico	33⅝	35
ASA	46⅝	47	Fst Chicago	31⅞	32⅝	Pfizer	72⅝	73¾
Aetna Life	66¾	67¼	Ft Intr Cp	57¼	57⅞	Philips Dod	29⅝	29⅝
Allied Signal	48⅝	49¼	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10¾	Philip Mor	85¼	86¼
Allis Chalm	2⅜	2⅜	FT Wachva	45½	45¾	Philip Pet	13⅝	14
Alcoa	44½	44¼	Ford Motor	81¾	81	Polaroid	75½	79¼
Amax Inc	17⅜	18¼	GAF Cp	44¼	44⅝	Procr Gble	91¼	88¾
AMR Hess	28¾	58¾	GTE Cp	40¼	40¾	Pub Svc Es	41½	41¾
Am Brands	48¾	49¾	Gen Cp	82¾		Raytheon	76½	77
Am Can	97¾	99¾	Gn Dynam	77	78¾	Rynlds Met	55¾	57
Am Cynmd	94¼	96¾	Gen Elect	107¾	107¾	Rockwell Int	52¼	52¾
Am Ele Pwr	29¼	29¾	Gen Inst	26	26¼	Royal Dut	107¾	108¾
Amex	76¾	80¾	Gen Mills	51¾	52¾	Sfe Co Pac	35	35¾
Am Home	89½	90¾	Gen Motors	76¾	77¾	Sears Loe	43¾	43¾
Am Motors	4¼	3⅝	Gen Pub Ut	28¾	28¾	Schlumb	38¾	39¼
Am Stand	47	48¼	Genesco		4¾	Scott Pap	80	81¼
Am Telph	23	22¾	Georgia Pac	51	51¾	Seagram	69¾	69¾
Amoco Cp	74¾	75¼	Gillette	59	58¾	Sears Roeb	52	52¾
Armco Steel	7¾	7¾	Goodrich	57¼	56¾	Shell Trans	72¾	72¼
Asarco Inc	20¾	21¼	Goodyear	54¾	54¾	Singer	47¾	48¼
Ashland Oil	65¼	64¾	Gould Inc	18¾	19¼	Smithkln Bk	111¾	112
Atl Richfld	69¾	70¾	Grace Co	55¾	56¾	Sony Cp	21¼	21¼
Avon Prod	30¾	30¾	Grt Atl Pac	30¾	29¾	Sth Cal Ed	33¾	34¼
Bk Boston	34	34	Greyhnd	25¾	25¾	SW Bell	115	115½
Bank NY	40¾	40¼	Grumen	29¾	30¾	Std Oil	59	59½
Bankamer	12¾	12¾	Gulf & West	80¾	79¾	Start Drug	53¾	53¾
Bkrs Tst NY	47¾	48¼	Heinz	46¾	47½	Stevens JP	41	40¾
Beth Steel	6¾	6¾	Hercules	59	59¾	Sun Comp	59¾	60¾
Boeing	51¾	51¾	Hewlett Pk	55¾	54¼	TRW Inc	100	99¾
Boise Casc	80	81½	Honeywell	69¾	69¼	Teledyne	346¼	336¼
Borden	57	57¾	IC Ind	30¾	30	Tenneco	45¾	44¼
Borg Warnr	41¾	41¾	ITT Cp	63¾	64½	Texaco	34¾	34¾
Brist Myer	100¼	101½	INCO	15¾	15¾	Tex Eisen	34¾	34
BP	50¾	50	Ingersoll	79¾	81	Tex Inst	164¾	167¼
Brunswick	44¼	44½	Inland Steel	23¾	23¾	Tex Utll	35	35¾
Burlington	48¾	48¾	IBM	138¾	139¾	Textron	63¾	64¾
Burl Nth	67¼	67¾	Int Paper	97¾	96½	Travelers	50¾	51¼
CBS	160	162½	Irving Bk	48¾	48½	UAL Inc	57¾	57¾
CPC Int	47	47¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	88½	90¾	USG	40¾	40¾
CSX	33¾	33¾	K Mart Cp	58	58¾	USX Cp	24¾	24¾
Cmpbl Soup	63¾	64¼	Kaiser Alum	17¾	17¾	Unisyr NY	255	258½
Can Pacific	17¾	17¾	Kerr McGee	30¾	30¾	Un Carbide	26¾	27
Caterpillar	45¾	45¾	Kimbl Clark	111¾	112	Un Pac Cp	74¾	76
Centrl SW	34¾	34¾	Kroger	34¼	33¾	Unisys Cp	100¾	103¾
Champion	38¾	39¾	LTV Cp	2¼	2¾	Utd Brands	47¾	48
Chase Man	38¾	38¾	Litton	85¾	86¼	Utd Tech	52	53¾
Chem NY	46	47¾	Lockheed	50¾	51	Unocal	32	32¾
Chevron	51	51¾	Lucky Str	29¾	28¾	Walter Jim	55¾	56¾
Chrysler	53¾	52¾	Man H'nver	45¾	45¾	Warn Lamb	74	74¼
Citicorp	52¾	53¼	Manville	2¾	2¾	Wells Far	153¼	154¼
Clark Eq	24¼	24	Masco	62	61¾	Westg El	64¾	65¾
Coca Cola	45¼	46¾	Mcdnl Mid	50¾	51	Weyerhsr	55½	57
Colgate	46¾	45¾	Mt Mar	45¾	46¼	Whirlpool	35¾	36
Colomb Gas	51	50¾	Masco	37¾	37¾	Woolworth	46¾	47¾
Cmb'n Eng	38¾	39	Mcdonalds	76¾	78	Xerox Cp	72¾	71¾
Cmwlth Ed	36¾	37¼	McDonnell	78¼	77¾	Zenith	23¾	23¾
Cons Edis	45	45¾	Mead Cp	69¾	70¾			
Cn Nat Gas	37¾	38	Merck	159	161¾			
Cons Pwr	17¾	18	Mesta Mng	125¼	128¾			
Cont Data	27	27¾	Mobil	43¾	43¾			
Corning Gl	63¾	61¾	Monsanto	74¾	75¾			
Crane	43¾	43¾	Morgan Jp	45¾	46¾			
Curtiss W	60	60	Motorola	50¾	51¾			
Data Gen	35¼	35¾	NCR	65	66¾			
Deere Co	29	29¾	NL Indstrs	6¼	6			
Delta Air	62¾	62¾	Nat Distil	59¾	59¾			
Detroit Edi	18¾	18¾	Nat Std End	26¾	26¾			
Digital Eq	167¾	169¾	Nat Semi	15	16¼			
Disney	61½	59¾	Norfolk Sou	95¾	95¾			
Dow Chem	80¾	78¾	NW Bcp	41¼	41¾			
Dresr Ind	25¾	25¾	Occid Pet	31¼	31½			
Dupont	106½	105¾	Ogden Cp	64¾	65¾			
Duke Pwr	47	47¾	Olin Cp	47¾	48¾			
East Kodak	75¾	76¾	Owens Ill	60¾	60¾			
Eaton Cp	83¾	82¾	PPG Ind	81	85¼			
Emerson El	103¾	104¾	Pac Gas E	25¾	26			
Emery Air	13¼	13¾	Pan Am	4¾	4¾			
Exxon	81¾	81½	Penney JC	95¾	97¾			
Fed Dpt Sts	94¾	96¾	Pennzoil	79	79¾			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	32½	Alcan Alum	33
Bell Canada	50	Algoma Stl	51¼
Bramalea	11	Can Pacific	23¾
Cominco	17¾	Con Bathrst	17
Dome Mines	19¼	Hawk S Can	19½
Hud Bay M	27¾	Imasco	28
Inco	32¼	Imperial Oil	27¾
Ivaco	60	Moore Corp	69¾
Noranda For	17¾	Pan Can Pet	17¾
Placer Dev	16¾	Quebec Tel	16¾
Rio Algom	19¾	Royal Trstco	19½
Seagram	82¾	Steep Rock	8¾
Shell Can A	22¼	Texaco Can	34¾
Thmsn N 'A'	33	Toronto Dom	32¾
Trans Can Pl	22¾	Un Corp	5¾
Un Siscoe	5¾	Walker H	23¾
Weston	37¾		

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EASIER PHONE CALLS FOR HOLIDAYMAKERS IN SPAIN

When British and other tourists visit Spain this year, phoning home will be easier and quicker because of new payphone technology from Plessey.

Following an order for Plessey intelligent coin operated payphones for use in Malaga, Tenerife, Gerona and Santander, Telefonica, the telecommunications administration in Spain, has now taken delivery of an advanced payphone system for trials in Barcelona and Madrid.

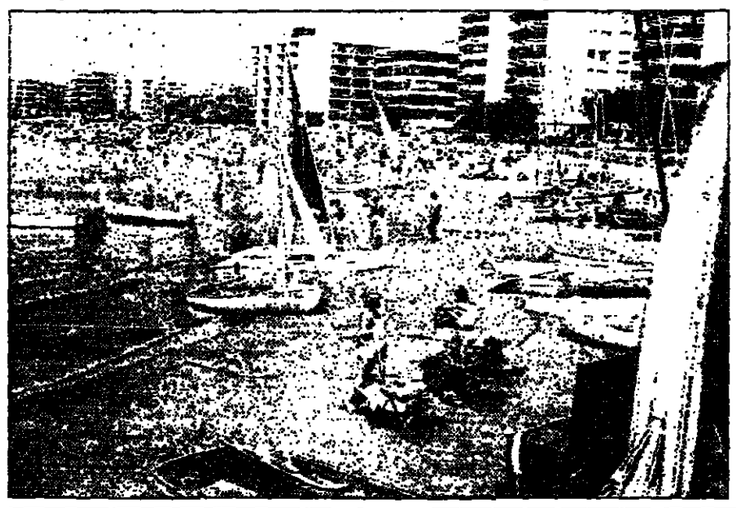
COIN AND CREDIT

Jointly developed by Plessey and Telefonica, the payphones not only offer combined coin and credit card payment but will give operating instructions to the user in Spanish and English using voice synthesis.

Four different Spanish coins are accepted, all the major international credit cards and Telefonica's planned phone card.

Credit card operation is simple. Immediately a credit card is put into the payphone it is checked for validity and authorised via the X.25 packet switched network.

At the end of the call the cost is displayed by the phone and then relayed to the appropriate billing centre.



ISDX in Taj Mahal Hotel

The Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay, headquarters for the worldwide Taj hotel group, is to install a Plessey ISDX exchange. This exchange is one of the most advanced communications systems yet developed.

Its digital technology will give the hotel greater efficiency in dealing with customer enquiries and guest billing as there will be a direct link into the hotel's central computer database.

The Plessey ISDX system will incorporate the revolutionary ISDT telephone which enables the transmission of voice and data over a single pair of wires.

NETWORK SERVICES MOVE

Plessey and CAP have formed a joint company to provide equipment, technical resources, software and management capability for the design, development and management of data communications networks.

Opportunities for such services are arising more frequently in Europe and are typified by the proposed UK Government Data Network. For this network, the Inland Revenue, DHSS, Customs and Excise and Home Office will contract through the CCTA (Central Computing and Telecommunications Agency).

Plessey-CAP will be proposing for this contract through the new jointly owned company.

DETECTION SYSTEM FOR M1 HAZARDS



A Plessey system for speed limit and lane change information.

Plessey has won a contract to design, supply and install an automatic incident detection system on the M1 motorway.

Installed between junctions 10 and 19, it will detect stationary or slow-moving vehicles and give alarm information to the appropriate police control office, so that signals to warn motorists of possible hazards can be activated.

Plessey will collect and transmit traffic data from more than 320 detector outstations.

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COMPANY NEWS

● HAWKER SIDDELEY: Hawker's cash tender offer at $74 per share for Clarostat Manufacturing has succeeded. The offer is equivalent to $30.8 million (£20 million). On the expiry of the offer, about 45 per cent of Clarostat's shares had been tendered. Hawker has accepted for purchase all tendered shares, subject to delivery of about 9 per cent, pursuant to guarantees of delivery. It has also purchased the shares owned by certain individual shareholders, representing about 49 per cent of Clarostat's shares. As a result, Hawker will own about 94 per cent, being more than the level required for a merger under New York law.

● LAMBERT HOWARTH GROUP: Total dividend 7p (5.75p) for 1986. Turnover £33.13 million (£27.25 million). Pretax profit £2.04 million (£1.3 million). Earnings per share 24.1p (19.9p). The current year has started well and there are good reasons to be optimistic, the board reports.

More company news is on page 22

● BLUEBIRD TOYS: Dividend 4.61p (3.5p) for 1986. Turnover £11.93 million (£8.68 million). Pretax profit £1.73 million (£1.26 million). Earnings per share 18.1p (12.8p). Liquidity has further strengthened with cash at bank and on deposit of almost £2.7 million (£2.1 million).

● PRESTWICH HOLDINGS: Interim dividend 0.4p (0.35p). Turnover £25.11 million (£19.08 million) for the six months to December 31. Pretax profit £3.83 million (£2.06 million). The group has entered the second half with a strong balance sheet and in a net cash position. The board expects a satisfactory outcome to the current year.

● WOODHOUSE AND RIXSON: Total dividend 3p (2.5p) for 1986. Turnover £10.9 million (£10.53 million). Pretax profit £1.15 million (£1.13 million). Earnings per share 8.1p (7.8p)

● PENTOS: Dividend 0.95p (0.70p) for 1986. Turnover £63.19 million (£51.21 million). Pretax profit £5 million (£2.97 million).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.50%
C. Hoare & Co	10.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.50%
Lloyds Bank	10.50%
Nat Westminster	10.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.50%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	10.50%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

There can be no denying that a vast potential market place exists for Attwood's expertise in waste management services.

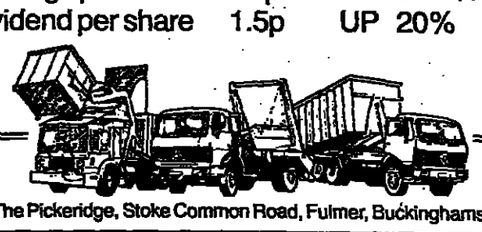
Our appetite and resolve for further profitable growth are enhanced by the success we have achieved to date.

Current earnings continue satisfactorily, and I am confident that 1987 will be another record year.

HALF YEAR STATEMENT
SIX MONTHS TO 31st JANUARY 1987

Turnover	£33.6m	UP 28.2% *
Profit before tax	£4.6m	UP 65.6% *
Profit after tax	£3.5m	UP 86.2% *
Earnings per share	7.5p	UP 52.1% *
Dividend per share	1.5p	UP 20% *

* compared with the 6 months to 31st Jan 1986



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Share capital Authorised			Maximum Issued and to be issued fully paid in this Placing
£	No.		£ No.
5,000,000	20,000,000	Ordinary Shares of 25p each	1,550,000 6,200,000

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11th March 1987

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Gilt-edged protest

A dolphinarium is the latest idea for the almost extinct trading floor of the stock market. But as the list of witty uses grows longer – with other suggestions ranging from a coffee house to an ice rink – I gather that a number of gilt-edged market-makers are growing increasingly concerned about the prospect of life without a face-to-face forum. The four major gilt retailers still using their pitches – James Capel, Morgan Grenfell, Barings Wilson and Phillips & Drew – are united in their determination to force the Stock Exchange to set aside at least some small corner where they can still trade. "The floor may look empty but we've never been busier in volume terms," says Barry Pearl, the small gilt-edged dealer for P&D. "And if you've got half a dozen bargains to do it takes three or four minutes on the floor, compared with half an hour from an office." A party of gilt dealers is believed to have had lunch at the Bank of England yesterday to press home the case.



"...'with more firms making billion-pound profits,' I said, 'why not rent 'em out for money boxes.'"

Fast lane

To keep their minds razor sharp whilst negotiating a string of takeover bids, I hear that two of Woolworth Holdings' main board directors have agreed to forego some of the more sociable pleasures in life. Finance director Archie Norman and B & Q chairman Nigel Whittaker, not normally adverse to the odd pint or two, have both given up alcohol for Lent. Norman has compounded the sacrifice by giving up red meat. What about chairman Geoff Mulcahy ? I'm told he has agreed to stop eating paper clips.

● **Dewe Rogerson, the City's premier public relations and advertising agency, could lose one of its directors if the SDP wins the Exeter seat in the general election. Mike Thomas, aged 42, a former Newcastle Labour MP, and one of the six MPs who founded the SDP in 1981, is the prospective SDP candidate for Exeter. Currently head of Dewe Rogerson's parliamentary PR division, Thomas will face a 46 per cent Tory majority.**

Travelling man

Promotion to the position of chief executive of the mustard-to-Dettol group Reckitt & Colman in May next year will mean that John St Lawrence can at last put down roots. Since joining the company as a fresh-faced Cambridge history graduate 34 years ago, St Lawrence, aged 57, has lived in five countries and moved house. Of his latest residence at Farnham Royal, Bucks, he says: "I'll still be travelling but I'm not going to move house ever again."

● **Glentree Estates, the quoted north London estate agent, is offering for sale a former home of *Dynasty* star Joan Collins. Offers in excess of £1 million are invited for Friars Mead, an 8-bedroom mansion with staff cottage and tennis court set in six acres in Elstree.**

Looking good

Unable to poach an analyst from ANZ merchant bank or Wood Mackenzie, you have to advertise for a bright young computer-literate economist. The response is good and you have a short list of six gifted specialists, three men and three women, roughly equal in qualifications and experience. How do you make your choice? Assuming you are sensible enough to avoid the ravings of handwriting experts and the operators of lie-detectors, it comes right down to physical attractiveness. Psychologist David Gilmore of North Carolina University, reports in the *Journal of Occupational Psychology* that after a complex experiment involving more than 120 young people and 100 professional employment interviewers, the bottom line of success has to do with good looks. And the bias is in favour of female applicants. Don't forget your brollies on the way out, chaps.

Carol Leonard

TRENDS

Why base rates rise and fall with the seasons

There has been a certain familiarity about this week's interest rate developments. If it is March, base rates must be coming down.

The reduction in base rates from 11 to 10.5 per cent will almost certainly be followed by another cut next week. No one can accuse the Treasury and the Bank of England of taking risks by allowing the banks to trim their rates.

It is a far cry from the situation just a few months ago, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer held off from raising rates until after the Conservative Party conference and then faced a nervous run-up to Christmas as the markets bayed for further interest-rate rises.

Why has the situation changed so dramatically? Has the monetary situation improved that much in a short time? Or is it that interest rates display a seasonal pattern?

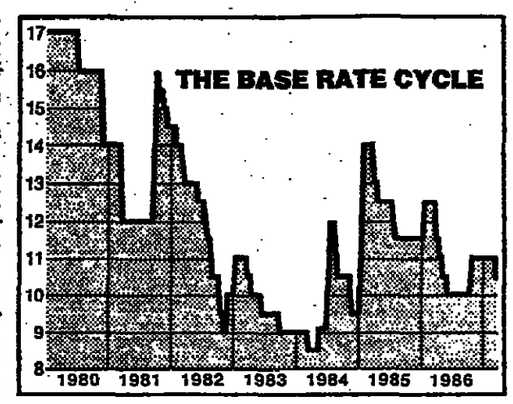
Since the early 1980s, base rates have moved within something like an annual cycle. The cycle is far from precise but it suggests interest rate changes do not occur at random.

Interest rates tend to be high around the turn of the year, falling through the spring months – hence the profusion of Budget-time base rate cuts – and flat to slightly firmer over the summer months.

In some years, this slight firmness during the summer has been rather more pronounced, as in the case of July 1984, when interest rates were raised sharply to defend sterling. Indeed, before the 1980s, July tended to be a month when sterling was particularly prone to weakness, as evidenced by a succession of emergency July packages to protect the pound.

Rates tend to be soft in the autumn, particularly during the party conference season. This is followed by a tendency to rise as winter starts.

There are several reasons why interest rates may be expected to move with the seasons. The first has to do with market operators.



If people expect certain changes to occur at certain times, then those expectations can become self-fulfilling. Thus, foreign exchange dealers prepare themselves for an assault on sterling in January, and the money markets to test the Bank of England on its willingness to allow rate rises.

Chancellors, it is correctly believed in the markets, like to see their Budgets receive the accolade of an interest rate cut. Again, once this is built into expectations, it can happen almost automatically. The same is true of rate cuts in the party conference season.

But expectations alone may not be enough to force changes in rates. And expectations can be wrong. This January, for example, there was no sterling-inspired raising of interest rates.

During the year, the Bank of England has to accommodate varying pressures in the money markets. These pressures are at their most intense during the corporate tax-paying season from the middle of December until February.

During this period, large shortages develop in the money markets, shortages which, as a matter of course, the Bank takes out through its money market operations.

There is no reason why large money market shortages should be translated into higher base rates.

However, if big daily shortages in the money markets occur in tandem with other pressures for interest rate changes – for example those coming through the exchange rate – then avoiding base rate changes is more difficult for the authorities. The bigger the run of daily shortages, the harder it is for the authorities to prevent the money markets forcing a base rate change.

Against this, there is the traditional reason why January-February should be associated with sterling strength and, therefore, an easier tone for interest rates.

British companies with overseas subsidiaries repatriate funds at this time to pay their tax bills and this flow of funds across the exchanges ought to provide sterling with a boost.

But such flows, in recent years, may have been offset by the movement abroad of profits by foreign companies operating in the North Sea and, more generally, by the importance of very short-term capital flows in determining exchange rates.

North Sea oil should have transformed the seasonality of both sterling and interest rates more than it has. The second quarter of the year has frequently been a period of oil price weakness, reflecting the annual low point in demand.

But this has not been carried through to pressure on the exchange rate and interest rates. In fact, the second quarter has typically been a period of sterling strength and interest rate falls.

One reason for the interest rate declines has to do with the cash flow of financial institutions. The peak months for dividend receipts by the institutions are January, May and November. Selling gilt-edged stock should be relatively easy for the authorities in these months but, in the intervening months, gilt sales may have to be teased out by providing the market with regular small interest rate cuts.

This phenomenon, usually known as the Grand Old Duke of York syndrome, suggests more official control over interest rates than is, in fact, possible. But it provides a rationale, certainly, for spring-time base rate cuts.

The Treasury's own work on seasonal movements in the exchange rate and, for that matter, interest rates, suggests that any seasonality falls short of being statistically significant. The Bank of England has been unwilling to accept the principle of seasonal movements in exchange rates or interest rates.

The problem for the monetary authority in accepting the view that part of any movement in, say, sterling, simply reflected seasonal behaviour, is that it would imply allowing the pound to fall in January, for example, in the certain knowledge that any weakness would disappear by March.

It is the case that in recent years, with the notable exception of 1985, base rates have mainly ended the first quarter at a lower level than they started it. It is also the case that after the March flurry of base rate cuts, progress in the second quarter is usually slow, and a fall of more than 1 per cent over the quarter would be unusual, notwithstanding election timing.

One thing is certain, whatever the changes in base rates through the year: seasonally adjusted, interest rates are too high.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Westland affair boosts urge to name names

The traditional obfuscatory world of nominee shareholdings is being assailed from all sides. Part of the Takeover Panel's response to the Guinness affair was to take a key to unlock nominees who count as associates, for instance by owning 5 per cent of a company, in a bid situation. The Labour Party's latest "Green Paper" proposals also called for a lifting of the nominee veil. Now the Commons Trade and Industry Committee wants "early legislation to require prompt disclosure of the identity of those controlling voting rights."

This stricture stems from the six nominees who played such a crucial role in the Westland affair by buying 21 per cent of the company at way above sensible prices to vote for the Sikorsky option. This was a questionable manoeuvre whether one is thinking of the fate of a strategic defence contractor, the City principle that in battles for control shareholders should be treated equally, or the rules governing a concert party.

At the time, this issue was submerged in the political row. Even in the context of high politics, the sudden appearance of groups from Geneva to Panama taking important stakes of less than 5 per cent made nonsense of the Government's ostensible policy that "shareholders" should decide between the Sikorsky and European options.

There is now a wide agreement across parties and interests that the nominee cloak of anonymity has to go. That itself represents a change, since the practical convenience of banks and stockbrokers aggregating small deals through nominees was once held to override the potential for abuse.

But deciding to act is one thing and achieving a practical solution is something else. In this case, for instance, Westland's chairman Sir John Cuckney eventually used his powers under Section 212 of the 1985 Companies Act to delve behind the six nominees, but only came up with one beneficial owner, the rest being brass plates in Geneva or Panama.

Since the company failed, the Trade Secretary did not bother to use his own similar powers. Even draconian powers under the Financial Services Act requiring foreign banks in London to disgorge the real names behind their nominees are not too hard to circumvent.

The only real way to prize open closed doors abroad – where any sensible nominee of sinister intent would hide – is to deny or remove the registration of the shares, thus cutting the nominee off from his votes, his dividends and even his full freedom to sell. The pressures of the situation might allow this to be laid down as a general rule, which would destroy the legitimate use of nominee names in dealing.

Otherwise, there would have to be a complex discretionary rule involving the Department of Trade and the Stock Exchange's listing requirements. The department is currently reviewing the status of nominee shareholdings. That is not to say it has come up with a workable amendment to the law.

More cuts to come?

The gilt market's fit of pique did not last long. Monday's losses turned into large-scale gains yesterday, with the appetite of buyers whetted by the prospect of single-figure base rates. The base rate cut, far from dampening expectations, has added to the belief that there is plenty more to come.

Money market interest rates, after pausing on Monday, headed down again yesterday. Both six-month and 12-month interbank rates moved below 10 per cent. A base rate cut to 10 per cent is already possible, with the markets looking for 9½ per cent.

The Bank of England's attempt to give the gilt market a cold shower has failed. Gains at the long end extended to 50 "ticks," or rather more than 1½ points in old currency. Long yields dropped to about 9.3 per cent. Monday's £1 billion tap, 8¾ per cent, Treasury loan, 1997, "B," was designed to hang over the market and prevent it from moving too far ahead of its own accord.

Instead, the Bank faces the slightly embarrassing probability that the tap, with £40 per cent payable on application, could sell out today. Taking a line through the existing Treasury 8¾ per cent stock, dealers are looking at an inviting profit of ⅜ on £40 or possibly a half-point – big money in this market. Their problem this morning is to know where to pitch their bids in order to get stock: £40¾ or £41?

Another "succcess" on this scale would move the authorities even further away from the declared aim of funding the public sector borrowing requirement exactly, a task that had already been rendered difficult by the clear emergence of a sizeable undershoot in the PSBR.

Sterling, meanwhile, is showing little response to the prospect of further base rate reductions. Yesterday, the sterling index held above the 72 level, closing at 72.1, compared with 72.4 on Monday.

The main danger is that the market is looking for too much too soon on base rates. Stephen Bell of Morgan Grenfell Securities argues that the Chancellor has little to gain, either in terms of additional mortgage rate reductions or the possibility of a later and damaging rate reversal, from permitting rates to fall by a full point, rather than another half a point, next week. Caution is likely to be the watchword.

TEMPUS

Lost friends return to the De Beers camp

De Beers is not only back in financial control of the diamond world, it is also in considerably better financial shape.

The 1986 final dividend of 60 South African cents a share makes the year's payout at 80 cents a record, and at long last makes up for the horrors of the early 1980s when De Beers announced the unthinkable. The 1981 payment was cut from 75 cents to 50 cents, and then cut again in 1982 to a mere 37.5 cents.

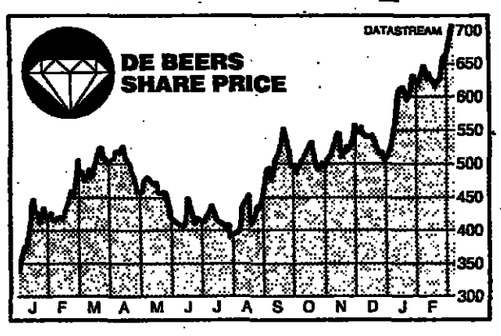
The thought then was that De Beers had lost its friends for ever. Yesterday's results to December showing a stronger balance sheet, reduced interest payments on a lower debt structure and evidence that diamond mines are being re-opened rather than closed, not only wins back many of those lost friends, but some new ones.

Pretax profit for the year rose from R1.19 billion (£360.6 million) to R1.52 billion. There has, however, been yet another change in accounting methods so the net profit line looks less dramatic – profits at the attributable level rise from a restated R649 million to just R762 million.

Recent sharply higher annual Central Selling Organisation sales for 1986 gave an early clue to how well De Beers would perform for its own financial year to end December, and early indications of sales patterns in 1987 suggest that it will be another year of sparkle.

But as the share price indicates, investors have been quick off the mark and in dollar terms the share price has run from a depressed $5 to a recent high of $11. Profit-gathering opportunities are now there for the taking and yesterday the price was 8p weaker at 700p.

The message, however, is clear. The full benefits of recent CSO diamond price rises are yet to come. The margin on the diamond account improved from 16.5 per cent to 28.6 per cent in the July-December period and the prospective price/earnings ratio is a mere 5. Buy on weakness. The best is yet to come.



Wolseley

Analysts have at last come to appreciate the quality of Wolseley's heating and plumbing businesses. Their enthusiasm, however, is having an adverse affect on the share price.

Half-year forecasts were ambitious, with many expecting profits to double. A mere 89 per cent increase was considered disappointing. The trimming of some full estimates was an additional negative.

There are not, however, any signs of Wolseley having run out of steam. Its business is well-balanced between the United Kingdom and the United States where growth prospects continue to be exciting.

Indeed, the United Kingdom has held up better than expected, with research indicating that there are up to 70 further expansion opportunities. The range of the business is much broader since the acquisition of Grovewood last spring.

Wolseley is developing a business providing a specialist service primarily to the trade. It has options to include, for example, the "heavy" end of the builders' merchanting field.

The company believes it will, in time, attract the more discerning DIY enthusiast to its specialist stores but does not plan to gear its operation to serve the public.

The US has been at the vanguard of the the group's progress in recent years. This year, however, the US will be quieter, mostly because of local difficulties experienced by Carolina Builders, a company selling lumber products to the housing market.

In the long term, however, this acquisition looks sound. Meanwhile Ferguson, a distributor of plumbing and heating products, is doing well.

Wolseley's policy in the US is to expand even when the market is soft. This is at present a short-term negative, although a strong base for the future is being established.

The balance sheet is sound, so Wolseley has the scope to make further acquisitions. The US is the most likely area, although the United Kingdom remains attractive.

Most holders of the shares are sitting on a considerable profit. The prospects for Wolseley remain encouraging so their continued support should underpin the share price.

The shares, however, are fully valued on estimates of £70 million for 1987 and £85 million for next year.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

Trying to analyse Hongkong & Shanghai Bank's results is about as easy as guessing the length of a piece of string. Its opaque accounting procedures, where real profits and reserves are not disclosed, is like the dance of the seven veils where the veils are never removed.

One thing seems clear, however. The profits growth has relied heavily on the performance of the bank's many associated companies. The results also include a "significant" contribution from James Capel which did not become a full subsidiary until last April.

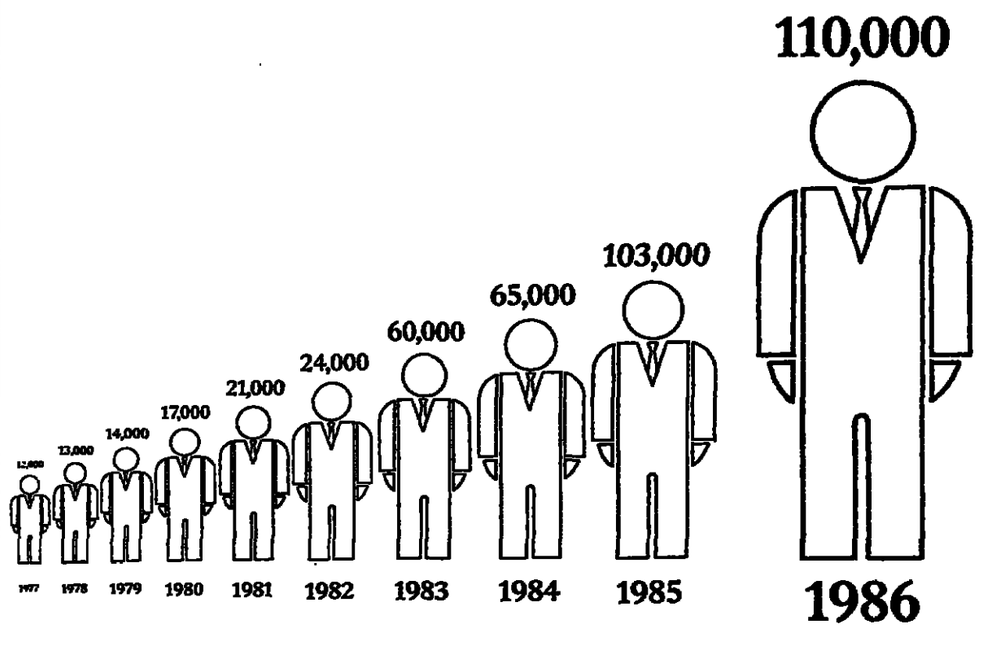
The HK$325 million (£26.2 million) increase in associated company profits accounts for almost the whole group's profit increase and suggests that basic banking operations have produced virtually no advance over the last year. With the lumpiness of Far Eastern markets, and an exposure in such black spots as Pan Electric and Wah Kwong, the bank has had to make provisions.

The Hong Kong economy is booming, however, and the company's loan portfolio is of generally higher quality than Standard Chartered's.

The share issues are no less a matter of guesswork. Capitalization of reserves has become a ritual with the bank because Chinese investors, apparently, prefer it to dividends. But the raising of some £250 million through a rights issue looks a little odd.

For a bank about the size of Lloyds, this is hardly an enormous amount and will not go far towards buying a European bank which it has said it would like to do. (That did not stop Royal Bank of Scotland shares rising on the news yesterday).

The bank's balance sheet has grown rapidly and the issue looks more like a gesture towards Hong Kong's bank regulators and the worldwide move to stronger capital ratios.



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Results for 1986

The Directors announce that (subject to audit) the profit for the year ended 31 December 1986 attributable to the shareholders of the Bank was approximately HK$3,056 million (1985: HK$2,719 million), an increase of 12.4 *per cent*. The profit was arrived at after providing for taxation and after making transfers to inner reserves, out of which provision for changes in the value of assets has been made. Audited accounts will be published at a later date.

With only slow growth in the world economy, and no major upturn in world trade, performance in the traditional banking businesses was uneven. In the Middle East and Asia, although the economies of a number of countries showed improvement, most continued to be affected by the low level of commodity prices. A major exception was Hong Kong, where a buoyant economy and strong trade growth flowed through into working profit.

In the international financial markets falling interest rates and enhanced global investor awareness resulted in a strong performance by the Group's Capital Markets businesses; both the Wardley and James Capel Groups made significant contributions to Group profits. In the United States the contribution from Marine Midland Bank was once again encouraging.

The balance sheet grew significantly in 1986. In order to bring shareholders' funds more into line with the assets of the Group, HK$2,000 million has been transferred from inner reserves to the Reserve Fund. A further HK$250 million has been transferred to the Reserve Fund from retained profits.

The Directors had intended to propose a final dividend of HK$0.28 per share, but for the reasons stated below they have instead declared a special interim dividend (in lieu of a final dividend) of HK$0.28 per share which will be paid on 28 April 1987 to shareholders whose names are on the Register of Shareholders on 22 April 1987. Together with the interim dividend of HK$491 million already paid (HK$0.13 per share), the total distribution for 1986 will amount to HK$1,548 million (1985: HK$1,447 million), an increase of 7 *per cent*: thus the total dividend per share for 1986 will be HK$0.41 (1985: HK$0.38).

Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement
For the year ended 31 December 1986—unaudited

1985 HK$m (audited)		1986 HK$m	1986 £m	1986 US$m
3,429	Net profit of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and its subsidiary companies	3,546	309	455
198	Share of net profits of associated companies	529	46	68
3,627		4,075	355	523
(908)	Profit attributable to minority interests in subsidiary companies	(1,019)	(88)	(131)
2,719	**Profit attributable to the shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation**	3,056	267	392
	Transfers to reserves:			
(250)	by the Bank	(250)	(22)	(32)
(234)	by subsidiary and associated companies	(242)	(21)	(31)
(1,447)	**Dividends paid and proposed**	(1,548)	(135)	(199)
788		1,016	89	130
2,270	Balance brought forward	2,271	198	291
(715)	Transfer to Reserve Fund	(573)	(50)	(73)
(72)	Exchange adjustments	30	2	4
2,271		2,744	239	352
HK$0.72 (adjusted)	*Earnings per share*	HK$0.81	£0.07	US$0.10
	Dividends per share			
HK$0.12 (adjusted)	Interim (paid)	HK$0.13	£0.01	US$0.02
HK$0.26 (final adjusted)	Special interim (proposed)	HK$0.28	£0.03	US$0.03
HK$0.38	Total	HK$0.41	£0.04	US$0.05

Capitalisation Issue

The Directors also intend to recommend to shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 14 April 1987 that a capitalisation issue of shares be made in the proportion of one new share for every eight shares held on 22 April 1987 by the capitalisation of HK$1,179,695,228 from the Reserve Fund of the Bank. The capitalisation shares will not rank for the special interim dividend or for the rights issue referred to below but will rank *pari passu* with existing fully-paid shares in all other respects.

Rights Issue

The assets of The Hongkong Bank Group continue to increase rapidly and the Bank is in a very strong financial position. The Directors nevertheless believe that, with the increasing volatility of financial markets and the associated worldwide regulatory trend towards improved capital ratios, it is prudent to further strengthen the Bank's capital base.

The Directors are also of the opinion that, while current conditions in the global economy suggest a prudent approach to capital and liquidity ratios, those conditions will themselves provide opportunities in the banking sector which will be most easily grasped by the better capitalised institutions. They accordingly announce that a rights issue of 471,878,091 shares of HK$2.50 each will be made to raise approximately HK$3,303 million.

The Rights Shares will be provisionally allotted to those shareholders whose names are on the Register of Shareholders on 22 April 1987 in the proportion of one new share for every eight existing shares then held. The issue price of HK$7.00 per share will be payable by not later than 3.00 pm on 13 May 1987.

The Rights Shares will rank *pari passu* with the existing issued fully-paid shares for the interim and final dividend for the year ending 31 December 1987. The Rights Shares will not rank for the capitalisation issue or for the special interim dividend referred to above.

The special interim dividend (which, as mentioned above, is of the same amount as the final dividend that the Directors would have recommended in the absence of the rights issue) is being paid in that form and before the close of the rights issue both to assist shareholders who wish to take up their rights and also so that there is one record date for the special interim dividend, capitalisation issue and rights issue.

The rights issue is being managed by Wardley Limited and James Capel Bankers Limited and is fully underwritten.

It is expected that rights issue documents will be posted to shareholders on 22 April 1987.

Closing of Register of Shareholders

The Register of Shareholders of the Bank will be closed from 31 March until 22 April 1987 (both dates inclusive) for the purpose of determining the identity of shareholders entitled to the capitalisation issue, the rights issue and the special interim dividend. No transfers of shares may be registered during that period.

General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on 14 April 1987, at which resolutions will be proposed to approve the rights and capitalisation issues. The Ordinary Yearly General Meeting will be held on 12 May 1987.

Prospects for 1987

The United States' economy, which is the key to world growth, is expected to expand at a slightly faster pace in 1987 under current fiscal and monetary policies. World commodity prices have stabilised and are beginning to pick up; inflation may well assume a slightly faster tempo. The recession has bottomed out in most South East Asian economies, but in the United States the size of the trade deficit and the banking industry's exposure to Latin American debt continue to be a cause of concern to its trading partners.

In Hong Kong loan demand has now begun to improve and the business outlook remains encouraging. Protectionism continues to be a threat to domestic exports, but the business sector is generally confident that further growth will be assisted by a slow but expanding international economy and the progress being made in penetrating the Japanese and European markets.

Overall there are grounds for optimism and based on initial indications the trend of the Group's profits this year is encouraging. The Directors expect that the level of profits in 1987 will be sufficient to enable the Bank to pay an interim dividend of HK$0.12 and a final dividend of at least HK$0.25 on the capital as increased by the proposed capitalisation and rights issues, resulting in a total distribution for 1987 of HK$1,746 million (1986: HK$1,548 million), an increase of 12.8 per cent.

By Order of the Board
R G Barber
Secretary

Hong Kong, 10 March 1987

Arbitrageurs await the coming of the ice age

There is growing support for the SEC to be given more power after the abuses on Wall Street





Ivan Boesky (left) and Richard Wigton: death of an image

When Mr Richard Wigton was led away in handcuffs last month, Wall Street's top professionals regarded the arrest as an ominous symbol of the death of self-regulation.

The dramatic daytime raids, in which three of Wall Street's most respected officials were implicated in insider trading, signalled the demise of a system that had guided markets since the Depression.

The raids shattered the image of Wall Street as an enclave of high-minded people bound by a code which treated a professional's word as the ultimate official agreement.

Government and industry critics were provided with new ammunition to carry out the most thorough review of the Street's practices since the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

The US Congress gave a warning that it would pass far-reaching legislation likely to restrict certain kinds of business and place new constraints on Wall Street professionals.

Leading firms began mulling over internal reforms which could greatly alter the accepted rules in the US and abroad.

It was significant that Mr Wigton, the leading arbitrageur at Kidder Peabody, was installed only weeks before as a governor of the National Association of Securities Dealers. This is the self-regulatory body which polices the vast US over-the-counter market.

His arrest was regarded as another setback for self-regulation. Critics contend that there have been rumours and obvious warnings for several years of widespread abuses on Wall Street which the exchanges, the key self-regulatory bodies, have ignored.

With computer technology, it was widely known that before every important take-over attempt, there were huge, unexplained rises in both the price and volume of shares of target companies.

This was common knowledge even before the government started its investigation of launched its massive insider trading probe last May.

Although the Wall Street community professed shock at the arrest and subsequent admission of guilt by Mr Martin Siegel, the former Kidder Peabody investment banker, his relationship to Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced arbitrageur, had been rumoured for years.

The financial district had been swamped with rumours that he was passing confidential information on pending takeovers to Mr Boesky, according to Mr Richard Rustin, head of the financial news bureau at the *Wall Street Journal*.

This raises questions over the failure of the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and others in the securities industry to take steps to end the abuses.

There were no large fines, no public reprimands and no suggestions that the increasingly close relationships between risk arbitrageurs, investment bankers and speculators involved in the corporate takeover boom of the 1980s were in any way improper.

Dr James Van Horne, Professor of Finance at Stanford University Business School, said: "There is no doubt that the whole concept of self-regulation as we know it has been called into question.

"It simply has not been working. The system has not been policed properly, given the wave of takeovers we have had and the enormous returns for individuals and companies."

Influential congressmen have reached similar conclusions, resulting in numerous items of proposed legislation to change the system.

With the prestige of the New York Stock Exchange, the so-called "Big Board," and other exchanges at an all-time low, there is growing support for a proposal that the SEC takes direct control of these regulatory functions.

Under this proposal, SEC personnel would operate the computer systems which track volume and prices. Authority for punishing transgressors would also be transferred to the SEC.

There are even suggestions that experienced personnel working at the exchanges and at the National Association of Securities Dealersshould become government employees.

At the very least, senior officials of both houses of Congress are determined to expand the liability of exchange members for violations committed both by member firms and by their own employees.

Presently, the firms have limited liability. "If you hit them in the pocketbook, they will start putting people in jail," said Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the powerful Banking Committee.

It is partly to head off a comprehensive review of the present system that prestigeous Wall Street firms are undertaking their own reforms.

A new system of "checkpoints", requiring investment bankers to gain permission to discuss takeovers with other specialists in the same firm, has been started by some houses. Others, fearing a breakdown of Chinese walls, have forbidden investment bankers to speak to arbitrageurs.

There are proposals to physically isolate arbitrageurs within firms and others are considering abolishing altogether their arbitrage units.

Two large investment houseshave been told by their in-house legal counsels that they should consider prohibiting their investment bankers from investing their own capital in the markets in order to avoid potential conflicts.

There are proposals to appoint committees of outsiders to monitor the activities of firms, to create in-house investigative units to search for abuses.

Mr George Ball, chief executive of Prudential-Bache Securities, said: "It is clear that whatever changes occur will be powerful and will have the effect of reducing our profits and certain kinds of business."

When similar changes were tried more than a decade ago, corporate America came to the rescue of Wall Street.

In the 1970s, after the back-office paper crunch which almost swamped Wall Street, the government attempted to create more competition amongfirms by ordering radical changes which would have greatly reduced the influence of the New York Stock Exchange.

Chief executives of America's most powerful corporations launched a campaign against radical changes which caused Congress to drop its original plan and issue a series of compromise measures.

But this time, having faced an almost unprecedented number of costly, hostile takeover attempts, corporate America is on the side of Congress and change is in the air.

Bailey Morris

COMPANY NEWS

● **LIBRA BANK:** Pretax profit for 1986 £43.9 million (£43.04 million). Earnings per share 4.4p (4.3p). Unchanged ordinary dividend of £1.6 million. The board reports that, while total assets remained virtually unchanged, the bank's net worth increased by almost 25 per cent. This occurred because profits remained at a high level, were mostly retained and a £10 million issue was made.

● **RANSOMES SIMS AND JEFFERIES:** Results for 1986. Total dividend 6p (5p). Turnover £69.73 million (£64.51 million). Pretax profit £8.03 million (£7.05 million). Earnings per share 21.3p (16.1p).

● **ANDAMAN RESOURCES:** Results for 1986, compared with August 31, 1984 to December 31, 1985. Turnover £9,000 (£10,100). Pretax loss on ordinary activities £40,700 (£25,200).

● **MCINERNEY PROPERTIES:** The company has agreed to purchase the Donoghmede Shopping Centre for 1.3 million ordinary shares. This will provide the company with an immediate additional income in Ireland, together with good potential for further enhancement.

● **THOMAS ROBINSON GROUP:** Dividend of 3p (the board had forecast not less than 2.5p) for 1986. Turnover £70.64 million (£38.43 million). Pretax profit £7.04 million (£1.77 million). The company's financial position has improved considerably and its operating businesses are trading well. Additional benefits are expected in 1987 from rationalization and further growth is planned.

● **TURNER & NEWALL:** A subsidiary, Turner & Newall Ltd, is paying a final dividend of 12 cents for 1986. Pretax profit R15.01 million (£4.53 million), against (R11.2 million). Turnover R130.25 million (R104 million). Earnings per share 39.1 cents (33.5 cents). The board reports that 1987 has begun well and it is confident of further progress. The company's performance has enabled it to declare a final dividend 25 per cent higher than anticipated in the prospectus.

● **MARTIN FORD:** Agreement has been reached for the sale of the business and assets of Stage to Grant Seward, a subsidiary of Lee Cooper, for a maximum cash consideration of £5.93 million. Completion of the sale is conditional on approval of shareholders and a circular, incorporating a notice convening an EGM, will be despatched as soon as possible. The net book value of the shops being disposed of is about £222,000 and about £2 million has been spent in recent months on refurbishment of those shops. Also being sold is spring and summer stock up to a maximum value of £800,000.

● **FEDERATED HOUSING:** Total dividend 4p (3.3p) for 1986. Turnover £19.78 million (£13.52 million). Pretax profit £2.52 million (£1.45 million). Earnings per share 16.7p (9.5p). The company looks forward to a continuing growth pattern in 1987 in all sectors and regards this year as the first of a new five-year period of expansion.

Interest Rate Change

Allied Irish Banks plc announces that with effect from close of business on 10th March 1987, its Base Rate was decreased from 11% to 10½% p.a.

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Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Bank will be held on Level 18, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 14 April 1987 for the purpose of considering and (if thought fit) passing the following resolutions:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1 That the issue of 471,878,091 new shares of HK$2.50 each in connection with the rights issue referred to in an announcement dated 10 March 1987 by the Bank be approved and the Board be and is hereby authorised to allot and issue such new shares in connection therewith.

2 That:

(a) it is desirable to capitalise the sum of HK$1,179,695,228 from the Reserve Fund of the Bank and that accordingly the said sum be capitalised and applied in payment in full for 471,878,091 unissued shares of the Bank of HK$2.50 each;

(b) such new shares, credited as paid-up, be distributed among the shareholders who on 22 April 1987 are registered shareholders of the Bank in the proportion of one new share for every eight shares then held by them respectively;

(c) such new shares shall in all respects rank *pari passu* with the existing shares of the Bank, except that they shall not rank for dividends for the year ended 31 December 1986 or for the rights issue referred to in Resolution No. 1 of the Notice of the Meeting; and

(d) the Board be and is hereby authorised to allot and issue such new shares for distribution in the manner and proportion aforesaid, but so that shares representing fractions shall be sold and the net proceeds retained for the benefit of the Bank.

REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Register of Shareholders of the Bank will be closed from 31 March until 22 April 1987 (both dates inclusive). No transfer of shares may be registered during that period.

By Order of the Board
R G Barber
Secretary

Hong Kong, 10 March 1987

Hill Samuel
Base Rate

With effect from the close of business on 11th March, 1987, Hill Samuel's Base Rate for lending will be decreased from 11% to 10.5% per annum.

DEMAND DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Depositors not liable to deduction for basic rate tax 6.02% per annum gross.
Depositors liable to deduction for basic rate tax 4.5% per annum net
6.34% per annum gross equivalent
Interest to be paid quarterly and rates are subject to variation.

Hill Samuel & Co. Limited
100 Wood Street, London EC2P 2AJ.
Telephone: 01-628 8011.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Base Rate

The Royal Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from close of business on 10 March 1987 its Base Rate for advances will be reduced from 11% to 10½% per annum.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Registered Office: 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB. Registered in Scotland No. 90312.

Standard Chartered

Base Rate

On and after 10th March, 1987 Standard Chartered Bank's Base Rate for lending is being decreased from 11.00% to 10.50%

Deposit Rates are	Gross Interest	Net Interest
7 days' notice	6.02%	4.50%
21 days' notice	7.02%	5.25%

Interest paid half-yearly

Standard Chartered Bank
Head Office 38 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4DE
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Metaport COMMODITIES LIMITED T 11/3

APPOINTMENTS

Guy Carpenter & Co: Mr Clement Dwyer, Mr Robert Rock and Mr Robin Watts have been elected to the board.

Atkins Holdings Group: Mr Chris Micklethwaite has joined the boards of Atkins Properties, Atkins Property Developments and Woodcote.

Kunick Leisure Group: Mr Russell Smith has been made chief executive, succeeding Mr David Hadd who will become non-executive chairman.

Lubbock Fine: Mr Anthony Murty has joined as a partner.

International Data Corporation: Mr J Carl Masi is now the chief executive.

Potato Marketing Board: Mr Andrew Kay has been co-opted as board member for the Central Scottish District.

Mountleigh Group: Mr Hamish Bethune joins the main board as a director.

Northgate Exploration: Mr John Kearney becomes president.

Matthew Brown: Mr Trevor Green is to be assistant managing director (production) and chairman of Matthew Brown (Brewing). Mr John Whitworth will be joining as assistant managing director (sales) and chairman of Matthew Brown (Sales). Both these appointments take effect from next Monday.

China & International Project Development Consultants: Mr Kenneth Atkinson is appointed managing director. Mr A Atkinson becomes director. Mr Roger Williams and Mr Ralph Glazer associate directors.

Comptroller critical over TSB flotation

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, yesterday criticized the Government for giving insufficient consideration to the Trustee Savings Bank's need for the £1.5 billion in extra capital the bank gained in its flotation last year.

In a report from the National Audit Office, which is responsible for certifying the accounts of all government departments, the Comptroller said that the Government did not give Parliament sufficient information on the subject.

"Parliament might have viewed matters differently had information been available as to whether the TSB clearly needed to retain the full proceeds of the sale of the shares to finance its reasonable forward needs," the report says.

It adds: "This matter does not appear to have been as fully considered as the sums at stake would seem to justify."

The Government's main aims in floating the TSB on the stock market were to establish its ownership and put it on an equal competitive footing to other clearing banks, the report says.

The National Audit Office started an investigation into the flotation after a House of Lords judgment on the ownership of the TSB suggested that the Government may have given up its rights to income from the share launch.

The report, however, finds that the Government made all reasonable efforts to establish the question of ownership of the TSB and that, since taxpayers had never made any contributions to it, the Government was not entitled to take any of the proceeds of the flotation.

It also accepts that although the Law Lords ruled that the TSB belonged to the State, this did not mean it belonged to the Government

Whisky profits leap

By Our Correspondent

The Ayrshire-based whisky producer House of Campbell yesterday announced an annual turnover of £12.7 million, 19.9 per cent up on 1985. Pretax profits were up 17 per cent on the previous year, although exact figures are not being released until the workforce has been informed.

The company's export market grew by 11 per cent in 1986, while the whisky industry as a whole has suffered a 3 per cent drop over the past five years — mainly because of falling demand in American and Japanese markets.

The company's Aberlour single malt trebled in sales.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 10/3/87 Riley Leisure, Williams, Chrysalis, Newman Inds., Property Trust, Electronic Rentals, National Westminster Bank, Mitchell Cotts, Pavion, Centreway Inds., Blackwood Hodge, Humberside, London Secs., Eagle Trust, Bantor, Dares Estates, Barnam Group, Oliver, Chloride, Ratcliffe, Sears, British Benzol, Greenwich Res., Burton, Conrad Hldgs., Hawtin, United Guarantee, Christy Hunt, Grant Webber, Rotaprint, Scottish & Newcastle.
Put: Fobel.
Puts & Calls: Property Trust, Amstrad Consumer Electronics.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*400)	330	77	85	95	1	4	5
	360	50	63	73	4	11	13
	390	27	42	53	15	22	27
British Gas (*81)	60	21½	23½	27½	⅛	1	1
	70	12	16	19½	1	2¾	3¼
	80	5¼	10	13¾	4¼	6	8
British Airways (*120)	100	21	25	29	1	4	5
	110	13	17	22	2¾	7¼	10
	120	6	12	16	6	12½	15
BP (*797)	700	105	125	150	5	10	20
	750	65	85	110	12	20	35
	800	30	60	75	35	40	52
Cons Gold (*808)	700	117	140	155	4	12	16
	750	74	95	114	8	22	32
	800	42	72	87	30	45	52
Courtaulds (*383)	330	60	64	81	3	6	12
	360	32	50	65	6	17	20
	390	18	36	51	21	32	39
	420	9	22	37	42	48	51
Com Union (*318)	300	25	38	49	9	14	18
	330	12	24	35	21	24	28
	360	6	15	25	45	50	55
Cable & Wire (*349)	325	32	—	—	6	—	—
	350	17	—	—	18	—	—
	380	—	30	50	—	31	45
	390	6	17	33	43	52	63
GEC (*223)	200	28	38	44	2	5	9
	220	15	25	32	10	15	20
	240	7½	15	24	22	25	32
Grand Met (*492)	420	83	95	103	1	3	5
	460	47	65	75	4	13	18
	500	22	40	52	24	28	37
	550	6	18	35	60	63	70
ICI (*1328)	1300	63	115	135	35	57	70
	1350	38	90	110	62	80	100
	1400	22	65	90	100	110	130
	1450	12	45	63	140	145	160
Laird Securities (*364)	330	37	43	54	1	6	8
	360	16	27	40	9	17	21
	390	5	13	23	30	36	39
Marks & Spen (*234)	180	58	63	68	1	1½	3
	200	38	43	48	2	3	7
	220	20	27	34	5	10	14
Shell Trans (*1150)	1000	153	167	185	6	18	27
	1050	103	122	145	13	27	38
	1100	62	87	117	30	40	50
Trafalgar House (*334)	280	59	66	76	2	4	8
	300	39	50	63	5	8	12
	330	18	30	43	16	20	28
TSB (*77)	70	8¼	11½	14	1	2¼	3
	80	3	5½	7	5¼	6¼	7¾
	90	¼	2	—	14½	14¾	—
Woolworth (*798)	700	115	135	150	4	12	17
	750	70	90	102	15	23	35
	800	35	55	72	35	45	55

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*561)	420	135	145	152	1	2	3
	460	85	107	117	2	5	8
	500	53	77	95	2½	15	17
	550	15	43	62	15	28	40
Boots (*313)	280	34	43	49	1	5	10
	300	17	33	38	3	16	19
	330	4	16	26	19	30	32
BTR (*339)	280	63	70	78	½	4	7
	300	43	53	62	1	7	11
	330	15	33	42	7	17	23
Bass (*950)	800	150	165	190	1	5	15
	850	100	120	145	2	15	25
	900	50	85	115	4	30	43
Blue Circle (*737)	650	87	97	118	2	10	15
	700	37	69	83	4	22	32
	750	7	33	50	25	45	53
De Beers (*1053)	850	215	215	255	2	12	20
	900	165	175	220	4	20	40
	950	115	150	195	4	30	55
	1000	75	125	175	20	45	65
Dixons (*389)	330	62	75	85	¼	3	5
	360	32	54	62	1	12	16
	390	8	32	44	9	22	28
GKN (*336)	280	58	60	67	1	4	8
	300	38	43	50	2	11	15
	330	14	28	36	10	22	26
	360	3	14	19	26	37	41
Glaxo (*1510)	1500	40	120	165	35	65	100
	1550	23	90	135	70	110	125
	1600	10	70	115	115	145	155
	1650	5	55	90	160	180	180

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Hanson (*174)	135	39	42½	47	½	1	2
	150	24	30	34½	½	2½	4
	165	9½	18¾	24½	1½	6¼	8½
	180	2	10	15	8	13	14½
Jaguar (*577)	550	28	53	75	3	22	27
	600	4	33	55	27	53	55
	650	¾	19	37	75	80	85
Sears (*142)	130	—	17	20½	—	3	4½
	140	—	11½	16	—	8½	10½
	150	—	4½	7	—	21½	22½
Tesco (*477)	420	60	70	83	1	9	15
	460	20	40	55	5	20	27
	500	3	23	30	30	38	47
Thorn EMI (*825)	460	168	185	193	½	1	2
	500	128	145	153	½	2	3
	550	78	97	107	½	7	12
	600	28	50	70	3	23	30
THF (*209)	180	29	36	44	1	2½	4
	200	10	23	32	3	11	14
	220	2	15	22	15	20	25

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Brit Aero (*654)	600	70	90	—	13	23	—
	650	40	60	78	35	45	50
	700	20	40	57	67	70	75
BAT Inds (*511)	420	93	105	—	1	1½	—
	460	58	72	—	6	9	—
	500	33	48	60	22	27	30
	550	16	27	37	55	65	68
Barclays (*504)	500	32	55	67	20	28	40
	550	14	27	38	52	57	65
	600	6	14	23	100	100	105
Brit Telecom (*247)	220	34	40	50	2½	6	9
	240	19	27	34	7	13	16
	260	9	16	24	18	23	27
Cadbury Schwpps (*242)	240	16	25	33	14	19	24
	260	10	18	24	30	33	37
	280	5	12½	—	48	51	—
Guinness (*319)	300	35	52	63	15	23	28
	330	22	37	45	30	40	40
	360	8	26	—	52	55	—
Ladbroke (*429)	390	48	62	—	6	13	—
	420	32	42	55	20	25	28
	460	13	24	35	45	50	55
LASMO (*214)	160	57	65	—	1½	4½	—
	180	39	48	53	6	9	13
	200	26	35	41	13	16	20
Midland Bank (*625)	550	87	100	—	8	13	—
	600	45	65	80	18	30	38
	650	20	32	50	42	50	57
P & O (*630)	550	87	102	—	5	15	—
	600	44	63	83	18	25	35
	650	18	38	55	45	55	60
Racal (*238)	220	30	40	46	7	10	15
	240	17	28	35	15	20	26
	260	9	20	28	28	32	40
RTZ (*713)	650	85	105	—	10	14	—
	700	52	77	97	28	37	47
	750	30	55	77	60	67	77
	800	13	35	53	102	110	120
Vaal Reef (*90)	80	17	20½	25	3	5½	7
	90	9	12½	17½	7	11	12½
	100	5	8½	10½	14	17	18

	Series	Mar Calls	Jun Calls	Sep Calls	Mar Puts	Jun Puts	Sep Puts
Londno (*282)	200	82	87	—	½	1½	—
	220	62	67	72	1	1½	2
	240	42	49	53	1	4	5
	260	22	33	38	2	7	9
	280	5	19	24	6	15	17

	Series	May Calls	Aug Calls	Nov Calls	May Puts	Aug Puts	Nov Puts
Tr 11¾% 1991 (£108)	104	3¾	4 3/16	—	¼	¾	—
	106	2¼	3 1/16	3 11/16	1 5/16	1⅞	2 7/16
	108	1⅛	2 1/16	2 7/16	2 21/32	2 31/32	3 3/16
	110	7/16	—	—	3	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£120)	112	8¾	8¾	—	¼	¾	—
	114	6¾	7¾	—	9/16	1¼	—
	116	5 1/16	6 1/16	7	15/16	1 27/32	2¼
	118	3 29/32	5 7/16	5 15/16	1⅞	2¾	3
	120	2⅜	5 1/16	4⅝	2 13/16	3¼	4 1/16

	Series	Mar Calls	Apr Calls	May Calls	Jun Puts	Mar Puts	Apr Puts	May Puts	Jun Puts
FT-SE Index (*1980)	1700	293	310	—	—	1	2	—	—
	1750	243	262	—	—	3	3	—	—
	1800	195	217	234	—	2	7	18	—
	1850	145	175	192	—	2½	14	27	—
	1900	100	135	153	—	10	25	38	—
	1950	60	100	117	140	25	40	55	70
	2000	35	68	85	110	50	67	80	90
	2050	15	45	65	90	87	98	108	120

March 10, 1987. Total contracts 73750. Calls 57622. Puts 16128.
FT-SE Index. Calls: 814. Puts: 1404
*Underlying security price.

Bank of Scotland Base Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that, with effect from 10th March, 1987 its Base Rate will be decreased from 11.00% per annum to 10.50% per annum

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Costain to seek work in China

By Anne Warden

Costain, the construction company, is looking for new contracts in China.

Mr Brian Scanlon, director of marketing and business development, and a management team are to spend three weeks in China from Sunday, visiting provincial authorities in Canton, Fujian and Shanghai and government ministries in Peking.

Booker, the agribusiness and food group, will also be on the trip.

Potential Costain contracts may involve ports, harbours and possibly the power sector, Mr Scanlon said.

The company is about two months away from finishing a three-year contract on the Shajiao 750-megawatt coal-fired power station on the coast

The work, carried out by the group's Hong Kong operation, Hopewell Costain, is estimated to be worth between £80 million and £100 million, a fifth of the £500 million project cost.

The visit is believed to be part of an indirect invitation to British companies from the Chinese authorities.

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10½
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11% Low 10½
Week fixed: 11

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 9 15/16	2 mnth 9 7/16
3 mnth 9 15/16	3 mnth 9 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 3/32-10 1/16 2 mnth 9 15/16-9 27/32
3 mnth 9 13/16-9 11/16 6 mnth 9 9/16-9 5/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 11/32 2 mnth 10 5/16
3 mnth 10 1/16 6 mnth 10 1/16

Interbank (%)
Overnight open 11 close 11½
1 week 11 1/16-11 1/16 6 mnth 9¾-9¾
1 mnth 10 15/16-10 1/16 9 mnth 9¾-9¾
3 mnth 10¾-10 12 mth 9¾-9¾

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11 7 days 11
1 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 10
6 mnth 9¾ 12 mth 9¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10 3/32-10 1/16 2 mnth 10¼-10¼
3 mnth 10 1/16-10 1/32 6 mnth 10¼-9¾
9 mnth 10-9¾ 12 mth 9 15/16-9 11/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10 11/32-10 7/16 3 mnth 10 1/16-9 15/16
6 mnth 9 13/16-9 11/16 12 mth 9¾-9¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.45-6.40 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.40-6.35 12 mth 6.50-6.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	6 1/16-5¾	1 mnth	5¾-5⅝
3 mnth	6¼-6⅛	6 mnth	6⅛-6
Deutschmark		call	4¼-3¼
7 days	3 1/16-3 1/16	1 mnth	4-3⅝
3 mnth	4-3⅞	6 mnth	4 1/16-3 15/16
French Franc		call	8¼-7¾
7 days	7¾-7⅝	1 mnth	8 1/16-7 15/16
3 mnth	8 1/16-8	6 mnth	8¼-8⅛
Swiss Franc		call	1¾-⅜
7 days	2¼-1⅞	1 mnth	4¼-4⅛
3 mnth	4¼-4⅛	6 mnth	4¼-4
Yen		call	4⅜-3¾
7 days	4¼-4⅛	1 mnth	4 13/16-4 11/16
3 mnth	4 1/16-4 1/16	6 mnth	4 5/16-4 1/16

BULLION

Gold $405.75-406.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $ 405.00-412.00 (£258.00-260.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $ 97.50-98.50 (£61.50-62.25)
Platinum $ 526.00 (£332.35)
Silver $ 5.5300-5.5500 (£3.4900-3.5100)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 31, 1987 to February 27, 1987 inclusive: 10.266 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 10	Market rates close March 10	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5840-1.5960	1.5840-1.5850	0.57-0.54prem	1.45-1.40prem
Montreal	2.1138-2.1184	2.1138-2.1168	0.61-0.51prem	1.42-1.27prem
Amsterdam	3.3179-3.3317	3.3222-3.3277	1½-1¼prem	4-3¾prem
Brussels	60.72-61.05	60.83-60.94	17-14prem	40-35prem
Copnhgen	11.0261-11.1048	11.0341-11.0570	¾-1⅜dis	3¼-4¼dis
Dublin	1.0958-1.1024	1.0969-1.0979	32-37dis	98-108dis
Frankfurt	2.9361-2.9497	2.9415-2.9457	1¾-1¾prem	4¾-4¾prem
Lisbon	224.77-225.92	224.77-225.70	77-161dis	269-435dis
Madrid	205.60-206.56	205.60-205.89	66-79dis	176-220dis
Milan	2083.62-2087.88	2085.34-2091.41	2-parprem	2prem-2dis
Oslo	11.0434-11.1071	11.0484-11.0570	3¼-4¼dis	12-13dis
Paris	9.7637-9.8112	9.7860-9.8032	2½-1⅝prem	5¼-4¾prem
Stkhlm	10.2390-10.2821	10.2408-10.2561	⅛-1¼dis	1¾-2¼dis
Tokyo	243.14-244.00	243.14-243.54	1¾-1⅝prem	3¾-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.52-20.72	20.62-20.65	11¾-10¾prem	28¾-26¾prem
Zurich	2.4702-2.4869	2.4790-2.4837	1¾-1⅝prem	3¾-3⅝prem

Sterling Index compared with 1975 was down at 72.1 (day's range 72.0-72.3).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4322-2.4433
Australia dollar	2.3168-2.3201
Bahrain dinar	0.5945-0.5965
Brazil cruzado*	32 1311-32 3116
Cyprus pound	0.7676-0.7770
Finland marka	7.1950-7.2350
Greece drachma	214.30-216.30
Hong Kong dollar	12.3622-12.3709
India rupee	20 40-20.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4375-0.4415
Malaysia dollar	4.0151-4.0193
Mexico peso	1680 0-1730.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7945-2.8013
Saudi Arabia ryal	5.9150-5.9550
Singapore dollar	3.4038-3.4076
S Africa rand (fin)	5.8685-5.9631
S Africa rand (com)	3.4148-3.3274
U A E dirham	5.7900-5.8300
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4370-1.4400
Singapore	2.1482-2.1492
Malaysia	2.5340-2.5350
Australia	0.6834-0.6839
Canada	1.3550-1.3555
Sweden	6.4650-6.4700
Norway	6.9800-6.9850
Denmark	6.9500-6.9550
West Germany	1.8515-1.8525
Switzerland	1.5515-1.5525
Netherlands	2.0560-2.0570
France	6.1600-6.1630
Japan	153.55-153.65
Italy	1315.0-1316.0
Belgium(Comm)	38.33-38.36
Hong Kong	7.8020-7.8025
Portugal	141.90-142.40
Spain	129.85-129.95
Austria	13.60-13.62

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exdel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.86	89.99	89.86	89.98	593
Jun 87	90.59	90.68	90.52	90.67	3644
Sep 87	90.74	90.85	90.74	90.84	706
Dec 87	90.72	90.84	90.72	90.82	209
Mar 88	90.69	90.69	90.69	90.67	2
Jun 88	90.52	90.52	90.52	90.50	4

Previous day's total open interest 24877

Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 87	93.55	93.55	93.52	93.52	1052
Jun 87	93.58	93.58	93.54	93.56	2933
Sep 87	93.58	93.58	93.54	93.55	224
Dec 87	93.50	93.50	93.47	93.48	77
Mar 88	93.36	93.36	93.31	93.33	226
Jun 88	93.16	93.16	93.16	93.14	189

Previous day's total open interest 27053

US Treasury Bond					
Mar 87	101-11	101-11	101-06	101-11	90
Jun 87	100-06	100-08	99-31	100-07	1700
Sep 87	NT	—	—	99-05	0

Previous day's total open interest 3438

Short Gilt					
Mar 87	NT	—	—	101-19	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 64

Long Gilt					
Mar 87	121-05	122-12	121-05	122-13	133
Jun 87	121-10	122-24	121-05	122-22	30139
Sep 87	NT	—	—	122-16	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	122-23	0

Previous day's total open interest 18385

FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	197.50	199.20	197.20	199.00	782
Jun 87	201.00	202.80	201.00	202.50	54

Previous day's total open interest 4848

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Barbour Indx (215p)	327 +12
Br Airways (aa)	118½ +5½
Capital radio (105p)	130
Daniels S (130p)	195
Dale Group (110p)	131
Fletcher King (175p)	189 –2
Forward Gp (125p)	135 –1
Geest (125p)	224
Glentree (18p)	41 –2
Gordon Russell (190p)	240 +1
Halls Homes (95p)	171 –2
Hewetson (70p)	86
Hobson Pub (250p)	350 +5
Hornby (100p)	106 +3
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	179
JSB Elec (115p)	135
Johnson Fry (150p)	181
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	200 +2
Logitek (65p)	91 +7
Lon & Metro (145p)	200
MIL (144p)	186 +2
Mayborn (102p)	118 –2
Nobo (152p)	168 +2
Northumbrian Food (60p)	97 +1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	146 +1
RCO (95p)	101 –1
Regina H Beauty (20p)	38 +4
Sanders Sydney (100p)	140 –2
Sinclair G S (90p)	98 –1
Spandex (170p)	280
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	113
Thornton G W (135p)	175 –1
TSB Group (100p)	76½ –½
Virgin (140p)	161 –1
Ward Group (97p)	125 +1
Wood (J.D) (144p)	186 –3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Burgess F/P	258 –5
City Site Est N/P	£12
Cookson F/P	565
Cannon St F/P	226 +5
Walker (Alfred) N/P	
Wiggins F/P	173 +5

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
232	180	Abelscot Group	225	235	n/c
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	31	34	n/c
120	113	Allied Insurnce	107	117	–3
54	36	Catalyst Commercial	43	47	n/c
68	24	Corton Beach	60	65	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	45	47	–2

NEW INTEREST RATES

Base Rate

Reduced by 0.5% to 10.50% per annum with effect from 10 March 1987

With effect from 10 March 1987 the following rates will apply:-

Gross Interest p.a.	Midland Savings Accounts	Net Interest p.a.	Gross Equivalent to a Basic Rate Taxpayer p.a.
6.02	Deposit Account	4.50	6.34
10.37	Premier Savings Account £5000+	7.75	10.92
9.50	High Interest Cheque Account £2000+	7.10	10.00
9.77	£10000+	7.30	10.28
9.23	Monthly Income Account	6.90	9.72
7.02	Saver Plus £100+	5.25	7.39
8.03	£500+	6.00	8.45
9.03	£1000+	6.75	9.51
8.03	Griffin Savers	6.00	8.45
With effect from 8 April 1987			
6.02	Save and Borrow	4.50	6.34

Midland Bank
Midland Bank plc, 27 Poultry, London EC2P 2BX

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Hodenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373 (Lindex)				
Gilt & Fixed	111.2	117.9e		-0.3	10.20
High Inc Equity	116.4	122.7		+0.3	4.24
Worldwide Bond	152.4	204.6e		+1.0	4.74
American Growth	179.8	181.7		+1.8	0.78
Asian Pacific	66.9	70.1		-0.3	1.51
Assets & Earns	135.3	143.9		-0.1	1.99
Capital Reserve	93.5	99.9e		-0.1	1.44
Comm & Energy	125.4	133.4e		-0.9	0.85
European Capital	93.2	99.1		+0.2	1.28
General	161.2	171.4		+0.5	2.48
Japan	90.0	95.1		+0.1	
UK Growth Inc	133.1	141.5		+0.1	1.11
Do Accum	192.4	204.5		+0.3	0.77
US Emerging Cos	62.5	66.4		+0.6	0.08
Equities Progress	255.5	271.8		+1.7	2.65
Mastercard Acc	74.9	79.6		-0.1	2.06
American Inc	51.3	54.6e		+0.5	4.81
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS					
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL					
0793 610366 & 0793 28291					
UK Special Sits	270.9	287.1e		-0.1	2.79
Growth & Income	158.3	167.8		+0.4	3.05
Capital Trust	267.5	283.6		+0.8	2.44
Balanced	429.0	453.8		+1.7	2.91
Accum Trust	656.6	696.0		+1.4	2.61
Income	33.0	35.1e			4.29
American Income	292.4	309.9e		+1.1	4.20
High Income Tst	158.7	167.8		+0.7	4.23
Equity Income	158.7	170.7		+0.5	4.83
High Yield	170.0	180.2		+0.5	4.83
Govt Secs Trust	29.9	31.1		-0.2	7.85
International	100.8	107.4e		+0.5	0.91
Japan Fund	125.7	134.9		+0.5	0.01
Pacific Trust	208.0	219.4		+0.8	0.07
Amer Spcl Sits	72.6	76.7e		-0.3	1.24
Spcs Of Amer Tst	228.4	240.0		+1.1	0.48
Alt Asset Value	29.9	32.5		+0.3	3.96
Comm & Gen Trust	39.8	42.1		+0.1	5.61
Smaller Co's	168.3	187.8		+0.2	2.60
2nd Smaller Cos	200.0	212.0e		+0.4	1.89
Recovery Trust	101.0	107.1		+0.1	2.42
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES					
Save Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd					
BAILLIE GIFFORD					
3, Glenaroles St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY					
031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066)					
Ind Ex (22)	474.2	494.3			0.54
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4e			0.26
UK Ex (31)	2680.0	2851.1			1.36
Pfnl Plans Intl	2719.0	2889.0			
Pfnl Plans UK	2221.7	2349.9			
BG America	181.2	192.6		-0.7	0.98
BG Energy	180.3	191.7		-0.3	1.76
BG Income Growth	283.8	301.6		+1.1	4.43
BG Japan	291.0	313.9		+1.0	0.68
BG Technology	192.1	204.4		+0.8	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS					
20, Choisel Street, London EC1					
01-374 6801					
American	52.2	55.5		-0.1	1.87
Australian	24.3	25.9		+0.1	1.56
Japan & General	122.7	130.5		+0.5	0.04
High Income	52.1	55.4		+0.3	5.42
International Trust	88.5	94.2		-0.1	0.85
Income Gth Tst	58.0	61.8		-0.1	3.31
Gilts & Fixed Int	21.1	22.5e			9.76
Global Markets	38.2	40.5e		+0.3	1.33
Special Situations	55.1	58.7			1.50
BARCLAYS UNICORN					
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7					
01-534 5544					
America	96.6	102.2		-0.6	1.08
Aust Accum	2712.9	2855.1		+0.9	0.54
Do Income	150.1	158.8		+0.6	0.54
Capital	83.4	88.2e		+0.1	2.32
Exempt Trust	516.5	546.3		+0.2	4.66
Extra Income	90.2	95.4		-0.1	2.66
Financial	264.3	279.6		-0.1	2.66
500	324.8	343.5e		-0.6	2.76
General	167.0	176.7		+0.5	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Inc	54.2	57.0e		-0.2	10.00
Japan & Gen Inc	187.1	197.9e		-0.1	0.00
Do Acc	189.1	200.1e		-0.1	0.00
Growth Accum	204.9	216.8e		+0.5	2.11
Income Trust	404.1	427.5e		+0.2	4.50
Leisure Trust	96.3	101.9		+0.8	1.57
Special Situations	175.3	185.4		+0.7	2.65
Recovery	243.4	257.5		+0.2	2.10
Trustee Fund	126.9	134.2		+0.2	2.53
Unv Tech Accum	60.2	63.7			0.00
Do Income	59.7	63.1			0.00
Worldwide Trust	154.6	163.5		+0.6	1.35
BARING FUND MANAGERS					
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO					
01-658 9002					
Australia	87.9	94.0		+0.5	0.30
Eastern	77.7	83.1e		-1.2	0.39
Equity Income	68.9	73.2		+0.1	4.80
Europe	137.7	146.4		-0.8	1.00
Exempt Trust	32.5	34.2e		-0.1	
Growth & Inc	77.5e	82.9e			3.60
Orient	65.5	69.5			2.50
Japan Special	109.4	116.5e		-1.2	0.30
Japan Sunrise	93.1	99.1		-0.5	0.80
First Europe	178.8	184.2		-0.5	0.80
First Japan	87.8	93.6		-0.1	1.10
First N Amer	53.8	57.0		-0.5	1.10
First Smaller Co's	84.3	89.6			2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT					
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3					
01-623 8000					
Amer Smlr Co Inc	67.0	70.7e		-1.2	0.94
Do Accum	68.7	72.5e		-1.3	0.94
European Inc	98.6	104.0		-0.9	1.26
Do Accum	121.4	128.1		-1.3	1.26
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	24.4	25.7e		-0.1	1.91
Do Accum	31.5	33.2		-0.1	1.91
General Inc	193.7	202.4		-0.5	2.55
Do Accum	268.1	282.9		-0.5	2.55
Gnl Yield Inc	117.7	121.3		-1.1	10.10
Do Accum	194.1	200.0		-1.7	10.10
High Yield Inc	108.9	114.9e		-0.4	4.46
Do Accum	221.1	233.1		+0.7	4.46
Int Rec Inc	121.0	127.7		+0.6	1.73
Do Accum	127.9	134.9		+0.6	1.73
Japan Inc	233.6	246.4		+0.6	0.26
Do Accum	235.3	248.2		+0.6	0.26
Japanese Spec Inc	105.9	111.7e		+0.5	0.28
Do Accum	106.3	112.1e		+0.5	0.28
N American Inc	57.9	61.1		-0.3	0.55
Do Accum	57.3	71.0		-0.3	0.57
Pacific Inc	162.3	171.2		-0.3	0.57
Do Accum	153.9	162.7			3.31
Planned Investment	105.7	111.5		+0.1	0.80
Smaller Co's Inc	127.4	134.4		+1.1	
Do Accum					
Smaller Inc A	23.4	25.2e			6.48
UK Equity Gth Inc	48.4	50.9		+0.1	0.48
Do Accum	58.4	58.4e			0.00
Worldwide Tech Inc	48.9	51.6e		+0.4	0.00
Do Accum	48.9	51.6e		+0.4	0.00
KB High Yield Inc	158.8	158.1		-0.7	4.78
Do Accum	265.5	269.6		-1.2	4.78
BROWN SHIPLEY					
9-17, Perrymoun Rd, Haywards Heath					
0444 458144					
Financial	154.1	164.8e		-0.4	2.19
Smaller Co's Acc	203.3	321.0		+1.9	
Do Income	193.5	204.9		+3.1	0.77
High Income	79.1	84.6e		+0.1	4.96
Income	93.2	98.6		+0.1	4.08
Main Portfolio Inc	181.0	192.9e		+0.1	2.28
Do Acc	146.6	156.4e		+0.1	
North American	83.5	87.9		-0.5	0.29
Orient	36.4	38.5		-0.4	0.08
Exempt	227.7	237.0		+2.7	2.03
Recovery	64.9	68.7		-0.8	1.23
German	38.4	39.5		-0.6	0.03
Technology	135.2	142.6		+1.5	0.29
Europe	22.5	24.2e		-0.1	0.77
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT					
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT					
01-588 2868					
Fellowship Inc	62.0	65.9e			2.20
General Inc (4)	261.6	295.0			1.80
Do Accum (4)	452.9	475.1			1.80
Income Fund (2)	109.0	123.6			4.75
Do Accum (3)	223.4	233.3			4.75
Inml Inc (3)	148.4	154.8e		-2.4	0.98
Do Accum (2)	187.9	206.5e		-3.2	0.98
Smaller Inc (5)	81.2	85.7e			1.51
Do Accum	87.2	92.1e			1.51
CS FUND MANAGERS					
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY					
01-242 1148					
CS Japan Fund	90.2	96.0		+0.2	0.52
CANNON FUND MANAGERS					
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB					
01-902 8876					
Growth	340.3	362.1		-2.7	2.63
Income	392.8	417.9		-3.0	4.05
Fd Inc	245.0	260.7		+0.5	0.24
Far East	168.7	179.5		+2.0	0.51
North American	85.0	90.2e		-0.2	0.78
Global	55.1	58.1		+0.2	1.29
Eurobean	59.5	63.4		-0.2	0.50
Japan					
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT					
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JO					
01-621 0011					
Capital	420.0	446.9		-0.8	1.56
Income	344.1	366.1		+0.8	4.10
North American	325.0	345.8		-2.3	1.06
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND					
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ					
01-588 1815					
Inv Fund	478.75				3.95
Fixed Int	143.35				9.98
Deposit	100.0				10.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS					
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP					
01-606 6622					
S & C Special Sits	62.2	66.8			0.69
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND					
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ					
01-588 1815					
Income	443.48				4.40
Accum	£113.2437				
Deposit	100.0				10.50
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS					
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH					
0272 373393					
Amer Growth	27.76	29.47		-0.07	1.98
Equity High Income	54.1	57.5e		+0.2	3.50
European Growth	47.7	50.7		+0.1	2.60
Gen Equity	48.3	52.2		+0.4	2.10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.9	33.6		-0.2	9.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.3	27.6		-0.1	9.90
Intl Inc Tst	35.2	38.4		+0.1	0.90
Japan Growth	34.2	36.4		+0.3	0.00
Pedigree Gth	30.5	32.3		+0.3	2.56
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS					
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft London EC3P 3DQ					
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818					
UK & Gen Inc	95.2	99.1		+0.3	2.87
Do Accum	95.2	99.1		+0.3	2.87
Income Inc	54.9	58.8		+0.3	4.19
Do Accum	54.9	58.8		+0.3	4.19
Worldwide Inc	52.3	56.0		+0.1	1.74
Do Accum					
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD					
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU					
01-726 1999					
E uro G rth S trust	74.9	79.3		-0.9	0.67
Extra Income	206.3	219.9		+2.7	4.05
Financial	198.8	210.4e		+1.2	2.28
Sm Cost Acc Grth	121.0	82.4e		-0.5	1.94
Growth Investment	356.6	371.1		+0.9	2.06
Income & Growth	439	52.9e		+0.4	3.74
Japanese Growth	190.7	201.5		-0.3	0.00
Nth Amer Growth	115.1	121.7		-0.3	0.89
Inml Recovery	129.1	136.6		+1.3	1.35
Smaller Co's	230.6	247.9e			0.76
Global Inc Tst	62.2	65.9		+1.0	1.33
Special Sits Acc	350.1	370.8			
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES					
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW					
04862 5033					
High Income Trust	301.4	320.6		+2.1	4.85
Growth Trust	274.8	292.3e		+0.1	2.46
American Trust	143.9	152.1		-1.4	0.66
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD					
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL					
07372 42424					
UK Income	57.5	61.3e		+0.2	4.72
UK Growth Accum	66.3	70.8e		-0.8	2.41
Do Dist	65.5	69.7e		-0.8	2.41
European Growth	62.7	66.8		+0.4	1.06
Pacific Growth	61.5	65.5		+0.2	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS					
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh					
031-226 3456					
American Fund	75.9	80.8			1.24
Capital Fund	130.6	139.0			1.22
Growth & Inc Fund	161.1	171.5e			4.53
High Dist Fund	132.1	140.6			9.92
International Fund	230.6	245.5			1.00
Pacific Fund	25.0				0.22
Resources Fund	29.5	31.4e			
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.3	33.3			0.00
Tyndo Fund	182.5	194.4			1.39
(Ex) Amer (2)	153.9	157.1			1.39
(Ex) Japan (3)	113.1	115.2			0.26
(Ex) Pacific (4)	341.4	352.6e			0.19
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	184.0	189.1			0.17
Eurofund	27.9	29.2			1.71
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS					
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ					
0242 521311					
UK Balanced Inc	86.7	92.0		+0.2	2.58
Do Accum	86.9	94.3		+0.2	2.51
UK Growth Accum	113.8	120.7		+0.5	1.71
UK High Inc Inc	84.9	90.1		+0.2	3.66
N American Accum	76.4	81.5		-0.7	0.92
Far Eastern Accum	115.7	123.4		-0.5	0.26
European Accum	83.3	88.5		+0.3	1.21
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	55.8	59.2		-0.2	7.78
Do Accum	59.4	63.0			
EDINBURGH FUND MANAGERS					
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh					
031-226 3456					
American Fund	75.9	80.8			1.24
Capital Fund	130.6	139.0			1.22
Growth & Inc Fund	161.1	171.5e			4.53
High Dist Fund	132.1	140.6			9.92
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Eurofund	27.9	29.2			1.71
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION					
35, Fountain St, Manchester					
061-236 5685					
Equitable Pelican	92.0	97.9		+0.1	2.90
High Income Trust	89.4	95.1		+0.2	4.72
Inc & Fixed Int	53.1	56.5		-0.1	8.11
Tst Of Inv Trusts	84.1	89.5e			1.68
Special Sits Trust	95.0	101.1		+0.1	2.00
Nth Amer Trust	65.4	69.6		-0.7	1.52
Far Eastern Trust	103.1	109.7		-1.6	0.42
Intl Growth	58.7	62.5e		-0.3	1.03
EQUITY & LAW					
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD					
0203 553231					
UK Growth Accum	179.1	190.5		+0.4	2.90
Do Income	153.6	163.3		+0.4	2.90
Hedger Inc Accum	304.7	324.1		+0.7	3.98
Do Income	240.7	256.0		+0.5	3.98
Gilts/Fixed Accum	184.9	110.3e		-0.3	8.40
Do Income	94.6	99.6e		-0.3	8.40
Nth Amer Tst Accum	151.5	161.1		-0.6	0.02
Far East Tst Accum	176.7	187.9		+0.1	0.06
Euro Tst Accum	161.9	172.2		+0.1	0.06
General Trust	263.5	301.7e		+1.3	2.84
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT					
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA					
01-623 4680					
UK Smaller Co's	78.3	83.3		-0.5	0.19
Capital Fund	124.7	131.7e			0.19
Capital Fund	89.4	95.2e		+0.9	4.15
Far Eastern Fund	76.8	81.8		+0.4	0.00
Overseas Income	73.1	77.9		+0.4	3.36
Recovery Inc	68.3	64.2		+0.1	12.12
Natural Inst Fund	69.4	64.9		+0.1	2.48
Naturel Res Fund	69.4	64.9		+0.1	2.48
European Income	53.6	57.3			2.52
Financials Fund					
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS					
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA					
041-332 3132					
Balanced Gth Inc	58.4	62.1		-0.5	1.40
Do Accum	58.4	63.4		-0.5	
Income Gth Inc	50.9	54.2		+0.5	5.30
Do Accum	55.6	59.1		+0.5	
Service Co's Inc	55.0	58.2		+0.2	1.00
Do Accum	58.5	62.3		+0.2	
Higher Inc	28.5	30.3		+0.2	7.00
Do acc	28.5	30.3		+0.2	
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD					
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY					
0732 361144					
American	119.8	127.5		-0.8	0.59
Amer Equity Income	36.0	37.5		-0.1	3.66
Amer Special Sits	57.8	60.7		-0.2	0.01
Australia	37.4	39.8			2.95
European	49.6	52.8		-0.3	
European Inc	32.8	34.9			4.00
Global Conv	29.8	31.8			5.50
Far East Inc	37.8	40.1		+0.1	3.67
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.9				10.00
Growth & Income	113.7	122.6			3.94
Japan Special Sits	47.7	50.9e		+0.2	
Japan	149.5	159.5		+1.4	0.25
Managed Inc	153.2	163.0e		-1.4	0.25
Mgd Income Equity	101.4	107.9e		+1.2	4.33
Professional Gth	41.3	44.2		-0.3	1.33
South East Asia	47.5	50.6		+0.1	0.01
Special Sits	219.5	233.7		-0.7	0.07
FLEMING (ROBERT)					
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN					
01-638 5858					
American Exempt	£398.5	405.5c		+3.22	1.03
Japan Exempt	£484.7	494.2		-3.50	0.80
Am Property Tst	$100000.0				5.50
Property Trust	£2623.0				
FRANLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT					
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ					
01-628 5181					
Amer & Gen Inc	227.0	240.2		-0.2	
Do Accum	227.1	245.3		-0.3	1.17
Capital Tst Inc	238.9	249.6		-0.5	1.17
Do Accum	238.3	249.0		-0.5	1.17
Capital Tst Inc	272.5	284.7		-0.1	1.80
Do Accum	379.4	397.0c		-0.1	1.80
Equity Exempt	263.3	275.2			1.68
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	89.4	89.5e			1.68
Gilt & Fixed Inc	84.1	89.5e			1.68
Inml Inc Tst	95.0	101.1		+0.1	2.00
Japan Growth	25.3	26.6		-0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	25.3	26.6		-0.5	0.00
Recovery	55.2	58.4		+0.1	0.80
Technology	38.5	32.3		+0.3	2.56
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS					
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey					
0306 885055					
FP Equity Dist	237.5	252.1		-0.1	2.32
Do Accum	499.1	534.7		-0.1	2.32
FP Fixed Int Dist	115.7	124.0		-0.7	5.80
Do Accum	137.7	146.4		-0.7	5.80
Stewardship Dist	211.1	224.0			2.87
Do Accum	219.7	233.2			2.87
FP North American	133.5	141.5e		+0.1	1.28
FP Pacific Basin	184.7	195.8e		+2.4	0.25
GT UNIT MANAGERS					
6th Floor, 3 Benjamin Street, London EC2M 4VJ					
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-628 9431					
Amer Special Sits	76.1	81.9		-0.1	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	127.7	135.9e		-0.5	2.30
Do Accum	185.0	196.9e		-0.7	2.30
Income Fund	63.3	68.5e		+1.7	5.80
Pension Exempt	217.6	230.5e		+1.8	1.40
International	184.4	196.2e		-0.9	0.30
US & General	93.1	99.1		+0.7	0.10
Japan & General	255.2	271.5		-0.2	0.10
Far East & Gen	135.6	145.4		-0.2	0.10
European Fund	204.3	281.2e		-0.8	0.10
Germany Fund	54.5	58.1			1.00
Intl Inc Fund	94.0	97.5		+0.3	4.50
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS					
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP					
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5805					
American Trust	92.9	98.4			0.70
Australian Trust	29.4	32.2			0.20
British Tst Accum	78.0	82.9e			1.30
Do Dist	67.1	71.1e			1.30
Commodity Share	53.6	57.0e			0.69
European Trust	53.0	62.5			4.51
Extra Income Trust	59.0	62.5			4.51
Far Eastern Trust	145.7	154.5			0.15
Fixed Interest Fund	26.6	28.2			9.18
Financial Trust	24.0	25.2			0.46
Gilt Fund Inc Tst	25.1	26.6e			9.41
Global Fund Accum	166.3	197.2			0.41
Do Dist	166.3	197.2			0.41
Gold Share Trust	37.9	40.2			0.55
Hedged American	37.9	40.2			5.04
High Income Trust	164.7	177.5e			1.20
Hong Kong Trust	39.4	41.7e			2.50
Income Fund	93.9	99.4e			2.50
Japan Trust	137.4	145.7			0.00
Managed Exempt	39.2	41.5			2.70
Oil & Energy Trust	39.8	42.2e			2.70
Special Sits Trust	129.8	137.4			1.20
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	96.8	101.5			2.00
Cheltenham Gth	77.3	82.3			2.00
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT					
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA					
01-588 5620					
Intl Growth	96.5	102.7			1.22
American Growth	73.2	77.8			2.20
American Inc	70.5	75.0			5.14
European Growth	227.8	243.6			0.24
Gold & Minerals	60.8	64.6			0.53
Japan Growth	149.8	160.3			
GRE UNIT MANAGERS					
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN					
01-588 9393					
Gilt & Fixed Int	119.7	124.4e		+0.1	9.00
Growth Equity	248.1	262.5		+0.5	1.71
Guarantd	333.8	345.9e		+0.2	4.72
N American	158.3	167.5		+0.3	0.80
Pacific	282.1	299.8		+0.1	1.68
Property Share	282.2	351.6e		+0.1	1.13
Smaller Companies	263.6	279.0		+0.3	1.39
European Trust	274.0	290.0		+0.5	0.48
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS					
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ					
01-623 9333					
High Income	83.3	87.9		+0.3	5.36
N Amer Trust	121.6	129.4c		+0.4	0.70
Recovery	275.5	293.1		+0.4	1.57
Gilt Trust	89.4	95.0e		-0.1	8.84
Sl Vincent Inc	89.4	101.5e		+0.4	4.84
St Vincent US Gth	79.1	82.4e		+0.2	0.72
Temple Bar Sm Co's	226.2	238.5			2.80
Euro Gth Tst	48.7	51.6e			2.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS					
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.					
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916					
Hambros Smlr Co's	155.2	175.3e		+0.4	1.48
Hambros N Amer	72.8	76.4		-0.3	0.85
Hambros Jap & F E	133.5	141.7		+0.4	0.45
Hambros Scandvn	78.8	84.7		+0.4	0.91
Hambros Europeat	103.0	108.3		+0.1	0.84
Hambros Canadian	70.1	74.9		+0.1	0.70
Hambros Equity Inc	109.9	110.2		+0.2	4.26
Hambros High Inc	72.4	76.8e		+0.2	4.56
Hambros Ass Assets	78.9	75.2e		-0.5	1.69
Hambros Int Sec	61.3	65.0		+0.1	0.77
HENDERSON					
Regnor UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.					
0277 217928					
Amer Recovery Tst	115.2	122.5		+0.3	0.16
Amer Smaller Co's	93.9	99.8		+0.5	0.11
Assembled	70.8	75.3c			1.43
Capital Growth Inc	89.3	97.5c			1.43
Do Accum	89.3	97.5c			1.43
European	26.6	28.7			1.47
Euro Inc Tst	26.6	28.7			1.47
Euro Smaller Co's	103.2	110.2		+0.2	0.67
Extra Income	210.5	223.9e		+0.5	4.54
Financial Trust	185.1	196.9		+0.2	2.29
Fund Inspect Tst	93.7	99.6		+0.1	2.29
Gilt Trust	43.4	45.0e		+0.1	0.01
Global Healthcare	84.7	88.5		+0.2	4.51
Global Mid&Sm	168.9	180.2e			1

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Wolverhampton & D	Breweries	
2	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
3	Utd Guarantee	Industrials S-Z	
4	Beattie (James) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
5	Crowther (J)	Textiles	
6	Reabrook Hldgs	Chemicals	
7	Nurdin & Peacock	Foods	
8	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
9	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
10	Unigroup	Industrials S-Z	
11	Normans	Foods	
12	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
13	Dewhurst	Electricals	
14	Scott & Robertson	Industrials S-Z	
15	TV-AM	Cinemas,TV	
16	Peachey	Property	
17	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
18	Stothert & Pitt	Industrials S-Z	
19	Egerton Trust	Property	
20	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
21	Davy	Industrials A-D	
22	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
23	Magnolia	Industrials L-R	
24	Alcan	Drapery,Stores	
25	Scantronic	Electricals	
26	Br Benzol	Chemicals,Plas	
27	Lep	Industrials L-R	
28	Jones Stroud	Electricals	
29	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
30	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
31	Meat Trade Supp	Foods	
32	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
33	Eurotherm	Electricals	
34	Bank of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
35	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
36	Ricardo Eng	Industrials L-R	
37	Br Dredging	Building,Roads	
38	Hunterprint	Paper,Print,Adv	
39	Turner & Newall	Industrials S-Z	
40	Goal, Pet	Oil,Gas	
41	Newman Inds	Industrials L-R	
42	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
43	Bradstock	Insurance	
44	Ultramar	Oil,Gas	

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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. yield %	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

98	96	Exch 10½%	1987	98	10.5	10.578
101¼	99¼	Treas 9½%	1986-87	99¼	9.6	9.577
101¼	99¼	Treas 10%	1987	100	10.0	9.992
99¼	93¼	Treas 9%	1987	98¼	9.0	7.119
104¼	94¼	Treas 12%	1987	101¼	11.8	8.979
99¼	94¼	Treas 10½%	1987-88	99¼	7.8	9.245
104¼	93¼	Exch 10½%	1988	100¾	10.4	9.897
102¾	93¼	Treas 09½%	1988	100¼	9.7	9.329
107¼	91½	Treas 9¾%	1973-88	95¾	9.2	6.872
107¼	95¼	Treas 11¾%	1988	102¾	11.1	9.468
105¾	93¼	Treas 10½%	1988	101¾	10.3	9.462
104¼	92¼	Exch 10¾%	1988	101¼	10.4	9.464
111¼	98¼	Exch 11¾%	1988	106¾	9.8	9.437
103¼	95¼	Exch 11%	1988	100¼	10.6	9.412
93¾	87¼	Treas 9%	1988-90	90¾	9.4	7.967
103¼	95¼	Treas 09½%	1989	100¼	9.5	9.515
92¼	85¼	Treas 8¾%	1989	89¼	9.4	9.382
112¼	85¼	Treas 11¾%	1991	107¾	10.9	8.280
94¼	86	Fund 5½%	1987-91	91¼	6.0	8.443
110¼	97¼	Exch 11%	1991	105¾	10.4	9.368
86¼	78¼	Treas 9%	1991	85¼	9.5	7.110

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

118¼	99¼	Treas	12¾%	1992	113	11.3	9.254
107¾	92¼	Treas	10%	1992	102¼	10.0	9.210
109¾	92¼	Treas	C10½%	1992	104¾	10.0	9.203
117¼	100¼	Exch	12¾%	1992	112¾	11.6	9.265
123¼	105¼	Exch	13½%	1992	117¾	11.5	9.202
108	92¼	Treas	10½%	1992	103¼	9.7	9.288
121¾	98¼	Treas	12½%	1993	114¾	10.9	9.253
91¼	81¼	Fund	9½%	1993	87¾	8.5	8.595
119¾	96¼	Treas	12¾%	1993	112¾	11.4	9.421
133¼	104¼	Treas	14¼%	1994	126¾	11.5	9.363
122¼	103	Exch	12¾%	1994	115¾	10.8	9.202
127¼	106¾	Exch	13¾%	1994	119¾	11.5	9.466
103¼	86¼	Treas	9%	1994	96¾	9.3	9.151
120	98	Treas	12%	1995	113¾	10.5	9.468
79¼	71¼	Cas	3%	1995-05	78	3.8	4.862
110¼	90¼	Exch	10½%	1995	103¾	10.2	9.437
125	106	Treas	12¾%	1995	119¾	10.7	9.568
113¼	108	Treas	9¾%	1996	112¾	11.1	9.218
103¼	88¼	Treas	8%	1996-98	96¾	9.1	9.218
142¼	114	Treas	15¼%	1996	134¾	11.4	9.441
130½	104¾	Exch	13¼%	1996	123¾	11.0	
86	76¼	Rompt	3%	1996	84¾	3.6	
106¾	86¼	Conv	10%	1996	103¾	9.7	9.388
131	105¾	Treas	13¼%	1997	124¾	10.7	9.437
112¾	91	Exch	10¾%	1997	106¾	9.9	9.379
101¾	83¾	Treas	8¾%	1997	96¾	9.1	9.205
142¼	118¼	Exch	15%	1997	134¾	11.1	9.465
88¼	71	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	84	6.8	9.465
107¾	87¼	Exch	9¾%	1998	102	9.5	9.467
148¾	122¼	Treas	15¼%	1998	140¾	11.1	9.467
124¼	101¼	Exch	12¼%	1998	117¾	10.2	9.467
107¾	86¼	Treas	9¼%	1999	101¾	9.1	9.467
113¾	94	Exch	10¼%	1999	107¾	9.5	9.507
114	93¾	Treas	10%	1999	107¾	9.3	9.378
106¾	91	Conv	10¼%	1999	105	9.7	9.507
103¾	105¾	Treas	9¾%	2000	97¾	10.3	9.507
99¼	84¼	Conv	9%	2000	95¾	9.5	9.511
111¾	90¼	Treas	10¾%	2001	105¾	9.8	9.511
108¼	89	Conv	9½%	2001	103¾	9.2	9.511
137¼	110¼	Treas	14%	1998-01	129¾	10.8	9.515

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111¾	90¼	Conv	10%	2002	105¾	9.5	9.290
124¼	99¼	Exch	12¾%	2002-07	117¾	10.7	9.490
109¾	89¼	Treas	9¾%	2003	103¾	9.4	9.396
112¾	91¼	Treas	10%	2003	105¾	9.5	9.391
136¼	110¼	Treas	13¾%	2003-05	128¾	10.5	9.384
123¼	100¾	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	115¾	9.9	9.378
119¼	91¼	Treas	11%	2004	111¾	9.5	9.278
60¼	47¼	Fund	5%	1999-04	56¾	4.5	8.845
102¾	80¾	Conv	9½%	2004	101¾	9.3	9.355
109¾	89¼	Treas	10%	2004	103¾	9.6	9.355
117¾	95¼	Exch	10¾%	2004	110¾	9.6	9.355
134¼	108¼	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	126¾	10.1	9.345
96¾	76¼	Treas	8%	2003-05	91¾	8.8	9.345
139¼	98¼	Conv	9%	2005	132¾	6.8	9.280
148¾	113¾	Treas	13¼%	2004-08	140¾	9.4	9.169
95¼	76	Treas	6%	2009	89¾	6.7	8.958
72¾	55¼	Treas	5½%	2008-12	69¾	7.9	8.958
93¾	73¼	Treas	7¼%	2012-15	88¾	8.1	9.061
138	108¼	Exch	12%	2013-17	134¾	8.9	9.268

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44¼	32¼	Consols	4%	43¼	9.2
42	32¼	War Ln	3½%	39¾	8.8
57	44¼	Conv	5%	56¾	8.8
34¾	26¼	Treas	3%	32¾	9.2
28¼	22¼	Consols	2½%	27¼	9.2
28¼	22¼	Treas	2½%	27¼	9.2

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128¾	108¼	Treas	IL 2%	1988	126¾	2.0	0.093
112¼	103	Treas	IL 2%	1990	112¾	2.1	3.572
126¼	111¼	Treas	IL 2%	1994	123¾	2.2	3.389
151¾	97¼	Treas	IL 2½%	2001	150¾	2.2	3.368
107¾	96	Treas	IL 2½%	2003	107¾	2.3	3.368
132¾	99	Treas	IL 2%	2006	110¾	2.0	3.273
127¼	94¼	Treas	IL 2½%	2009	126¾	2.0	3.273
111¾	99¼	Treas	IL 2½%	2011	110¾	2.2	3.215
94¼	85¼	Treas	IL 2½%	2013	93¾	2.2	3.215
102¼	90¾	Treas	IL 2½%	2016	100¾	2.2	3.189
104	89¼	Treas	IL 2½%	2020	103¾	2.2	
84¼	80¼	Treas	IL 2½%	2024	83¾	2.2	

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change on d	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
273	195	Alex Hsm	233	238		9.0b	3.8	8.8
90	61	Ansbacher (Hldgs)	82	88				44.3
276	238	Am New Z	238	243	+1	15.0	6.5	
12	7½	Bibbiamerica	7½					
268	171	Bank Of Ireland	230	230	+5	17.0	7.5	
24	11	Bank Leumi Israel	12	12½		1.77	6.2	13.3
265	220	Bank Leumi UK	235	240	+1	20.7	4.5	10.2
365	265	Bank Of Scotland	355	360				
60	47	Bank Of Wales	60	62		3.0	6.0	5.7
500	420	Barclays (aa)	500	505	+4	23.0	5.0	8.5
91	36	Bencharge	36	38		1.38	2.4	33.5
700	600	Brown Shipley	700	720	+5	29.0	4.1	19.5
485	365	Cater Allen	475	485		26.0	5.4	
71	36	Charles Hurst	71	76		3.0	5.2	
115	85	Clydesdale	105	107		6.0	5.6	
119	85	Commercial Bank						
310	215	Co-operative Bank	310	320		13.0	4.1	30.7
34	17	Duncan Lawrie	33	35		1.1	3.4	10.7
1000	750	First Nat Finance	750	800		30.0	3.8	
145	95	Guinness Peat	140	145		4.0	2.8	15.9
215	165	Hambros	205	210		9.0	4.3	9.5
215	165	Hill Samuel	205	210		9.0	4.3	
1000	750	Kleinwort Benson	750	800		30.0	3.8	20.3
510	310	Lloyds (Lloyds)	475	485		25.0	5.2	14.6
153	134	Mang & Shaxson	150	160		6.0	3.8	12.7
325	265	Nineteen Group	265	285		9.0	3.2	
88	58	Lloyds (aa)	88	88		4.3	4.8	
90	58	Lon Scot	88	88		4.3	4.8	
280	180	Mercantile Hse	280	290		9.0	3.1	8.9
153	106	Rea Brothers	153	158		6.0	3.8	
200	140	Rothschild (N)	200	210		8.0	3.8	
516	355	Schlesinger (aa)	380	390		12.1	3.2	5.8

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change on d	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
268	208	Allied-Lyons (aa)	268	268		15.0	5.6	9.5
288	208	Arkell	288	288		10.0	3.5	12.5
1000	750	Bass	1000	1000		30.0	3.0	10.2
1000	750	Bass A NV	1000	1000		30.0	3.0	10.2
1000	750	Bass Warrants

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Hungarians cautious over deal involving BAe 146

From Andrew McEwan
Budapest

Efforts by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to encourage the Hungarian government to buy the BAe 146 airliner yesterday met with a cautious, non-committal official reply.

Dr Peter Varkonyi, the Foreign Minister, said he had noted hints dropped by Sir Geoffrey during talks on Monday.

"The hint was taken. We are in a strong position because we are the buyers. We will see what is best for Hungary. We shall have to think it over," he said.

Without implying a direct link, Sir Geoffrey left the Hungarians with the impression that showing a willingness to consider buying major items like the 146, might help their chances of obtaining better trade terms from the EEC.



Sir Geoffrey: the carrot is better trade with the EEC

The European Commission is expected to submit a mandate to the 12 foreign ministers for the EEC and Hungary to talk about a co-operation agreement.

Hungary's main objective during Sir Geoffrey's two-day visit has been to obtain British support for its application.

Sir Geoffrey said yesterday that he supported it both for political and economic reasons. But in his talks with Dr Varkonyi and with Jozsef Marjai, deputy chairman of the Hungarian Council of Ministers, he took a more cautious line.

His theme was that Hungary's demands for unrestricted access to EEC markets for its meat, fruit, vegetables and wine was overambitious. The 12 wanted a trade-off in the form of increased access to Hungarian markets for industrial goods.

Dr Varkonyi argued yesterday that as a member of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) Hungary had a right to unfettered access. Sir Geoffrey had pointed out that the European Commission believed its commitment is to phase out quotas gradually, but there is no timetable.

Although Marlev airline of Hungary has been a faithful customer for Soviet aircraft, British Aerospace has been making a strong sales pitch.

Imro draft rule book published

By Lawrence Lever

Imro, the principal organization which will regulate investment managers under the Financial Services Act, yesterday published its draft rule book.

The organization, whose initials stand for the Investment Management Regulatory Organization, expects to have about 1,000 members accounting for £300 billion of funds under management.

Mr John Morgan, the Imro chief executive, when asked yesterday whether it would curb the use of investment funds for corporate purposes, made it clear that the organization would not generally be regulating the investment policy of its members.

"I do not think a regulator is entitled to get involved in the relationship between short-term and long-term investment," he said.

BCA Group sales boosted to £1bn

By Our City Staff

The British Car Auction Group sold more than £1 billion worth of vehicles through its British and American auction centres in the six months to end-January, up from £731 million in the corresponding six months of the year before.

A report to shareholders yesterday said profits totalled £7,866,000 — up from £4,774,000 — and the interim dividend is being increased from 1.5p a share to 2p.

Mr David Wickins, the chairman, said the group's new auction complex at the former Blackbushe Airport, Hants, was so busy it was adding another sales day each week, and, altogether, British auction profits were up by 50 per cent.

In the US, where the group is the biggest single car auction operator, he reported "significant improvements," and said profits had jumped from $1.2 million (£760,000) to $4.8 million.

He predicted "excellent results" for the full year.

On the Stock Exchange, the group's shares picked up another 2p to 221p after the report.

Profits double at BBA

By Cliff Feltham

BBA, the brake lining to conveyor belt group, shrugged off a drop in demand in Britain for automotive components in the final months of last year to finish with pretax profits up 103 per cent to £26.6 million. Sales rose by 114 per cent to more than £553 million.

However, comparisons with the previous 12 months are blurred because of the impact of acquisitions. The group took over Automotive Products in Britain, and Brake and Clutch Industries Australia.

Dr John White, managing director, said the decision to tackle the downturn in demand in the components industry by cutting costs at Automotive Products — 800 jobs were axed at Leamington, Warwickshire — has placed it in a good position to make progress.

GA buys estate agency

The rush by the big financial institutions to buy up estate agents is continuing with the acquisition by General Accident of Hoddell Pritchard, which has 11 offices in Avon.

This brings General Accident's chain of estate agency offices to 218, making it the fifth-largest in Britain. Prudential is thought to be the market leader.

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13. Until payment in full has been made and a completed registration form submitted to the Bank of England, the Loan (other than amounts held in the Central Gilts Office Service for the account of members) will be represented by letters of allotment.
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17. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the final instalment is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 5th May 1987; registration of amounts of the Loan held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will be effected under separate arrangements.
18. Until the close of business on 29th July 1987, stock issued in accordance with the notice will be known as 8¾ per cent Treasury Loan, 1997 "B". The interest due on 1st September 1987 will be paid separately on holdings of the existing 8¾ per cent Treasury Loan, 1997 and on holdings of "B" stock as at the close of business on 29th July 1987; consequently, interest mandates, authorities for income tax exemption and other notifications recorded in respect of holdings of existing stock will not be applied to the payment of interest due on 1st September 1987 on holdings of "B" stock.
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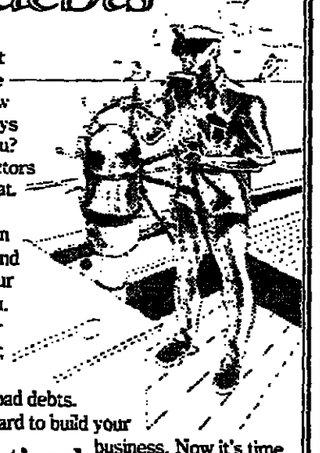
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Trustee not liable to UK tax

Dawson v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment March 10]

A trustee, who was the only one of three trustees who resided in the United Kingdom, was not liable to UK income tax on the income of a trust that was administered abroad, and whose income arose from foreign assets held for the benefit of non-resident beneficiaries and which was not remitted to the UK.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division allowing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Oliver Dawson, from a decision of a single special commissioner who had upheld assessments to Schedule D income tax at basic and additional rates made on him as a trustee.

The taxpayer at the relevant time was a trustee of three settlements made by members of the Cotton family. In each case he was one of three trustees and the only one who was a UK resident.

The settlement assets included holdings of stocks and shares in UK and foreign companies and land in the UK. The share certificates were registered in the name of a Swiss bank and trust income was paid directly into accounts with that bank.

The principal beneficiaries under the trusts were resident in Switzerland. The terms of each of the settlements provided that no beneficiary was entitled to call for income.

From 1974 on the trustees transacted their business at regular meetings held outside the UK at which the taxpayer was present. He himself was not empowered to conduct any trustee business while in the UK and he did not receive personally any of the trust income.

The taxpayer was assessed to the tax at basic and additional rates for 1975-76 as a trustee of the settlement. He accepted liability in respect of the income derived from UK assets but appealed against the Revenue's right to assess him in respect of trust income from foreign possessions.

His case was that the foreign income was not "profits or gains arising or accruing" to him within the meaning of section 108 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 so that he was not within the charge.

Further, he said, even if he did come within the section, he was not a person against whom an assessment to tax could be made as he was not "receiving or entitled to" the income within the meaning of section 114(1) of the Act.

The commissioner dismissed the appeal on the ground that the settlements' trustees as joint tenants were jointly and severally owners of the assets and entitled to the whole of the income arising from them and as such each one was chargeable on the full amount provided the he was resident in the UK.

By section 108 of the 1970 Act tax was to be charged in respect of "1 . . . (a) the annual profits or gains arising or accruing — (i) to any person residing in the United Kingdom from any kind of property, whether situated in the United Kingdom or elsewhere . . .".

By section 114(1) the tax "shall be charged on and paid by the persons receiving or entitled to the income in respect of which the tax is directed by the Income Tax Acts to be charged".

Section 16(1) of the Finance Act 1973 imposed tax at the additional rate on trustees.

Mr Stephen Oliver, QC and Mr James Kessler for the taxpayer: Mr John Mummery for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the appeal raised a short but difficult and important question as to the liability of a trustee who was resident in this country and who was one of a number of trustees, the majority of whom were not resident in this country to tax on income of the trust derived from sources outside the UK.

The Income Tax Acts — unlike the Capital Gains and Capital Taxes Acts — did not contain any comprehensive provisions dealing with the assessment of trustees.

But principles governing such assessment were set out in by Viscount Cave, Lord Chancellor, in *Williams v Singer* ((1920) 7 TC 387, 411) where he said: ". . . the person charged with tax is neither the trustee nor the beneficiary as such, but the person in actual receipt and control of the income . . . If the beneficiary received [the profits], he is liable to be assessed upon them. If the trustee receives and controls [the profits] he is primarily so liable."

In the instant case clearly the taxpayer would have been liable to be assessed on the income receipts had he been the sole trustee. The question was whether as the only one of the trustees who was resident here he could be separately assessed.

Mr Mummery did not seek to support the reasoning of the special commissioner. The Crown's case was that any one of several trustees had control of the trust income (unless a beneficiary was indefeasibly entitled to it) because the income had to be paid to and put under the control of the trustee and could not be dealt with without the concurrence of each of them.

It was said that that degree of control, described as "negative control", was sufficient to bring any one of several trustees within the principles stated by Viscount Cave and thus to make him assessable.

His Lordship said that the Crown's case was not acceptable. The real issues was whether where the income from property situated outside the UK accrued or arose to the trustees and one of them was resident outside the UK, the income fell within the section 108 charge.

In the absence of any context to the contrary, "person" included "persons". If paragraph 1(a)(i) of section 108 was extended to read "the annual profits or gains arising or accruing to any person or persons residing in the United Kingdom" it was plain that where income accrued and was paid to two or more trustees as the legal owners of the property from which the income was derived, the trustees were not chargeable as such unless they were all resident in the UK.

There was nothing elsewhere in the Income Tax Acts that evidenced an intention to exclude the *prima facie* rule that "person" should be read as including the plural.

Mr Mummery submitted that such a decision would open the door to widespread avoidance. Mr Oliver's answer was that sections 45 and 46 of the Finance Act 1981 contained provisions to counteract tax avoidance by the transfer of assets abroad. No opinion would be given as to the effect of sections 45 and 46. But if the result of the decision was that it left a gap for unacceptable tax avoidance that gap had to be closed by legislation.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Admissibility of witness's own notes

Regina v Britton

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment March 9]

The continued existence in criminal trials of a long-standing common-law rule regulating the admissibility of notes used to refresh the memory of a witness was affirmed by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division.

The court allowed the appeal of Stanley Richard Britton, aged 42, of Pleasance Road, St Paul's Cray, Kent, a member of the RIRMA branch of Sogat 82 on official union duty outside the News International plant at Wapping on the night of February 19, 1986. He had been convicted at Southwark Crown Court (Mr Recorder Stone, QC and a jury) on counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm to a police constable and assault with intent to resist arrest. He had been sentenced to two months' imprisonment on each count concurrent and had been admitted to bail pending appeal.

Mr Andrew Buchan, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Kenneth Aylett for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that when the appellant arrived home after his release from arrest, he typed out a note as he recollected the events of the night. It had been referred to as an *aide-mémoire*.

Mr Buchan, during the appellant's examination-in-chief, invited him to refresh his memory from the *aide-mémoire* about the circumstances of the arrest.

When Mr Aylett cross-examined he did not confine his questions, so far as the *aide-mémoire* was concerned, to those matters on which the appellant had refreshed his memory.

As a result Mr Buchan, relying on authorities, invited the recorder to allow the *aide-mémoire* to be put in evidence and made an exhibit. Argument was heard from both counsel. Mr Buchan provided authorities. Mr Aylett did not.

The recorder declined to allow the *aide-mémoire* to be made an exhibit for the jury to see it. The ground of appeal was that he was wrong.

There appeared to be a long-standing rule of the common-law regulating the admissibility of notes used to refresh the memory of a witness.

Cross-examining counsel was entitled to inspect the note in order to check its contents. He could do so without making the document evidence. Indeed, he might go further and cross-examine on it. If he did so and confined his cross-examination to those parts of it which had been used by the witness to refresh his memory, that did not make it evidence.

If he strayed beyond that part of the note which had been so used, the party calling him might insist on its being treated as evidence in the case. It would thereupon become an exhibit: see *Gregory v Tavernor* ((1833) 6 C & P 280, 281); *Senat v Senat* ([1965] P 172, 177).

A distinction was to be drawn between looking at notes used by a witness to refresh his memory and calling in and looking at other documents: see *Palmer v MacClear* ((1858) 1 Sw & Tr 149, 152).

Mr Aylett conceded that in his cross-examination he went outside those parts of the *aide-mémoire* which had been used by the appellent to refresh his memory in examination-in-chief. The document did, on the old authorities, become evidence and should have been admitted in evidence.

What the effect of exhibiting such a document might be in law was another matter. *R v Virgo* ((1978) 67 Cr App R 323) showed that the effect was solely to show consistency in the witness producing the note. It was not evidence of the truth of the facts stated in it.

Mr Buchan accepted that and his submissions in the court below were prefaced with his acceptance of it.

The argument in the court below seemed to have gone off on the wrong tack.

Mr Aylett had submitted boldly on appeal that the rule which their Lordships had endeavoured to express no longer obtained, at least so far as criminal trials were concerned. He submitted that the *aide-mémoire* should be put before the jury only if there was a clear allegation of forgery or the production was put in to rebut a suggestion of recent fabrication.

Cross on Evidence (6th edition (1985) pp254-255) contained a passage which stated the old general rule, said that it was inadequately explored in the modern authorities and referred to *Senat* and *Gregory v Tavernor*.

Their Lordships respectfully adopted that passage. It was, in the view of their Lordships' court, still good law. They rejected Mr Aylett's submission that, in some way or another, the common-law rule had now disappeared.

Mr Aylett had founded his submission in part on *R v Sekhon* (*The Times* January 2, 1987), a reserved Court of Appeal judgment delivered by Lord Justice Woolf, in which was set out a number of circumstances in which the kind of evidence which the recorder declined to admit should be admitted.

It was to be noted that Lord Justice Woolf, so far from casting doubt on the old authorities, said that where a document was used to refresh a witness's memory, cross-examining counsel might inspect that document in order to check it without making it evidence and moreover might cross-examine on it without making it evidence provided that his cross-examination did not go further than the parts which were used for refreshing the memory of the witness. He was approving the existence of the common-law rule.

It might be a dangerous application for a defendant to make because the effect of the jury's seeing the document might be counter-productive. As indicated in *R v Virgo*, in any particular case where the judge took the view that the interests of justice so required, he would have a discretion to refuse to allow the document to go before the jury if that could give rise to prejudice to the defendant.

In the present case, in contradistinction to the ordinary case, the application was being made by the defendant and not by the prosecution.

Consequently their Lordships had come to the conclusion that there was a material irregularity in the case.

The jury must have wondered why they were being denied a sight of the document which they knew had been questioned. They might have felt that failure to show it to them might have been in some way an indication of something to hide on the appellant's part.

It was impossible to say what might have been the result of the trial — the appellant's credit was in issue — the proviso could not be applied, the conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory and the appeal had to be allowed and the conviction quashed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Southwark.

Relationship between seller and buyer

E. Pfeiffer Weinkellerei-Weineinkauf GmbH & Co v Arbuthnot Factors Ltd

Before Mr Justice Phillips

[Judgment February 6]

The relationship of a seller and a buyer in possession to whom title had not yet passed was not generally that of bailor and bailee. The normal implication which arose from such a relationship, if the buyer was permitted to sub-sell in the normal course of business, was that he would do so for his own account.

Section 136 of the Law of Property Act 1925 conferred on the assignee of a chose in action all the procedural advantages of a legal title but did not thereby affect the priority of equitable interests in the chose, even though the assignment had been effected for value and without notice to the assignee of any prior equity: priorities fell to be determined as if the assignment had been effected in equity, not in law.

Mr Justice Phillips so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division, determining two preliminary issues between the plaintiff, E. Pfeiffer Weinkellerei-Weineinkauf GmbH & Co, and the defendant, Arbuthnot Factors Ltd, in an action in which the plaintiff claimed payment of moneys received by the defendant in payment of debts assigned to the latter under a factoring agreement by Springfield Wine Importers Ltd.

The plaintiff claimed that the debts were its property since they represented goods, supplied to and sub-sold by Springfield, in which the plaintiff had retained title.

Mr Mark Hapgood for the plaintiff; Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Charles Purle for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that in *Aluminium Industrie Vaassen BV v Romalpa Aluminium Ltd* ([1976] 1 WLR 676) there were special features of the contract between the plaintiff and the defendant which explained the finding that the relationship between them was fiduciary in nature; that is, that the defendant was holding the plaintiff's goods in circumstances where it had no right to deal with them for its own account. The defendant's concession in that case that it was bailee of the plaintiff's goods was of crucial importance to the decision.

It was normally inappropriate to describe the relationship of a seller and a buyer in possession to whom title had not yet passed as that of bailor and bailee, for it would not normally have the same incidents as the classic bailment relationship. The relationship of buyer and seller was inevitably the creature of contract.

Where the seller retained title by way of security prior to sub-sale, but the contract expressly or impliedly authorized the buyer to effect sub-sales, no *prima facie* implication arose that sub-sales were to be effected by the buyer as agent for, and for the account of, the seller.

On the contrary, the normal implication, if the buyer was permitted to sub-sell in the ordinary course of his business, was that he would do so for his own account.

In this case the contract set out comprehensively the nature of the interest which the plaintiff was to have by way of security in respect of debts created by sub-sales, and those provisions were inconsistent with a fiduciary relationship of the kind found in *Romalpa*.

Rather, Springfield had agreed to assign to the plaintiff future choses in action, namely, future debts owed by sub-purchasers to Springfield, up to the amount of Springfield's outstanding indebtedness to the plaintiff. That had effected an equitable assignment of such debts and had created a charge by way of security over Springfield's property, that is, the debts.

That charge had not been registered under section 95 of the Companies Act 1948 and was therefore void as against Springfield's creditors, which included the defendant.

Since the plaintiff's equitable rights in the proceeds of the goods sub-sold by Springfield had been acquired prior to the rights acquired by the defendant under the factoring agreement, the plaintiff contended that it was entitled to invoke the rule *qui prior est tempore potior est jure* [the first-in-time rule] and thereby to establish a superior title to the defendant's.

The defendant claimed priority on the basis of the rule in *Dearle v Hall* ((1828) 3 Russ 1), which constituted an exception to the first-in-time rule in respect of dealings with equitable interests. Under it priority depended on the order in which notice of the interest created by the dealing was given to the debtor.

His Lordship held that the plaintiff's interest had been created by equitable assignment, the rule in *Dearle v Hall* governed; and the defendant, which was the first to give notice of its rights to the sub-puchasers, therefore enjoyed priority over the plaintiff.

Solicitors: Booth & Co and Middletons, Leeds; Norton Rose Botterell & Roche.

Information to board

Regina v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Ex parte Brady

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board was entitled to take the view that an agreement contained in a Home Office circular letter to chief constables, dated May 30, 1969, which related to the procedures regulating the supply of information to the board by police authorities, was an agreement to supply the statements of witnesses to the board and the board alone.

Mr Justice Nolan so held in the Queen's Bench Division on February 20 when he dismissed the application of Steven Brady for, *inter alia*, an order of *certiorari* to quash the decision of the board refusing the applicant's claim for compensation on November 27, 1985, as a result of injuries sustained on September 30, 1984, and the board's further decision, dated January 2, 1986, not to reconsider the matter or rehear the application.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that it was clearly implicit in that agreement that the board retained custody and control of such witness statements and would not release them into other hands.

The result of non-disclosure of such a witness statement before any hearing in front of the board was not in breach of the rules of natural justice as long as the board considered any reasonable application for an adjournment.

VAT relief on horse

Ian Flockton Developments Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

A company was entitled to deduct a sum as an input tax deduction within the meaning of section 14(3) of the Value-Added Tax Act 1983 on the purchase, training and upkeep of a racehorse although its business was the production of plastic storage tanks.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith so held in the Queen's Bench Division on March 6, in allowing the appeal, under section 13 of the Tribunal and Inquiries Act 1971, of Ian Flockton Developments Ltd against the Manchester VAT Tribunal.

HIS LORDSHIP said the appellant company produced principally plastic storage tanks. At the material the company was anxious to find new customers and in that connection it purchased and ran a racehorse.

The crucial question for the purposes of section 14(3) of the 1983 Act was whether the goods and services supplied to the appellant company were used or were intended to be used for the purpose of a business carried by the company.

The tribunal accepted the evidence of Mr Ian Flockton on behalf of the appellant company but found the company ought not to have had any commercial belief in the enterprise.

His Lordship found the tribunal's reasons confused and allowed the appeal with costs. The case would not be remitted to the tribunal.

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RUGBY UNION: PREVIEW TO TODAY'S MOBBS MEMORIAL MATCH, PLUS THE WEEKEND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

Rugby's need for radical change

MICHAEL HEAL, a former player (Oxford University and Middlesex), coach and referee, has a three-point plan to clean up the game

Unless the authorities take positive and fearless action to prevent a repetition of the disgraceful scenes witnessed at Cardiff last Saturday, international rugby will be tragically scarred as an attractive sporting spectacle and it will further accelerate the tendency of our most talented athletes to seek excellence in pursuits where skill is not subdued by brutality.

While in no way exonerating the players concerned, there are a number of ways in which those in power can go some way to prevent the ugly scenes that disfigure the game.

ONE: The Law Makers. **The full lineout is impossible to referee. So many opportunities to cheat are readily available, and are practiced, that referees could blow the whistle at every one. If they did they would be vilified for pettiness. If they allow leniency they run the risk of the players taking the law into their own hands.**

Having watched all of England's games this year it is clear that it is the lineout that spawns most of the unacceptable violence.

The lineout law must be changed

In Dublin, Redman and Cusani were cheated out of the contest and subsequently from the England side. Against France it was obvious the England pack were determined to use physical intimidation to ensure that any refereeing inadequacies at the lineout would be compensated for. The pattern was repeated against Wales with dire consequences.

If it is impossible to referee the lineout as it stands, then change the law. Reduce the number of players to a maximum of three. Now, in a full lineout, the role of at least four in each team is to indulge in illegal activities, such as lifting, holding down, barging, offside etc. They are certainly not engaged in jumping for the ball. With only three contestants, skills would be rewarded and the opportunity for cheating curtailed because it would be spotted so easily.

TWO: The Referees. **Referees must be prepared to act more decisively, demand changes in the laws and be given more support from both their touch judges and the rugby hierarchy. Many committee men and players forget the truism — no ref, no game.**

As well as changes in the lineout laws they should campaign for a sin bin for dangerous play. Because a sending off is so drastic many referees fail to single out any player for such punishment and this encourages the culprit to repeat his offence and the victim to seek his own retribution.

Referees have not received support

A sending off will involve the referee in attending disciplinary tribunals and usually earns condemnation from committees who will selfishly blame the referee for "losing control". Distinguished referees, and aspiring ones, have turned their backs on the game because they have not received the support they deserve. Regular occupants of the sin bin would face more severe penalties, and the presence of the sin bin would not preclude the ultimate sanction of sending a player off if the offence warrants it.

THREE: Selectors/Coaches/Captains. **They have a duty to demand self-control from the players they select and lead. If players are unable to exercise self-restraint in a physically combative sport like international rugby then they should not be selected. England selectors, coaches and captains this year have refused to accept the evidence before them and take responsibility.**

That same afternoon, France and Scotland treated us to a spectacular match. The players chose to make the contest one of skill rather than brutality. Unfortunately that attitude is in short supply. Changes from the top to the bottom are required with the responsible authorities taking the lead.

Norling may be in trouble

Clive Norling, the referee, could be in trouble with the authorities after criticizing in a newspaper Ray Megson, of Scotland, who refereed the Wales-England match at Cardiff on Saturday

Welsh quartet come to Barbarians' aid after injuries take their toll

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The game between France and Scotland last Saturday — splendid occasion though it was — has cast something of a shadow over the Barbarians team which play the East Midlands at Northampton today in the annual Mobbs Memorial match.

Two of the Scots selected by the Barbarians, John Jeffrey and Matt Duncan, have withdrawn through injury. Injuries have excluded Bleddyn Bowen from playing at centre and Chris Oti on the wing too, while Les Cusworth dropped out from stand-off half because of Leicester's John Player Special Cup quarter-final against Bristol on Saturday.

The Welsh have come to the rescue, however. Gareth Roberts has taken Jeffrey's place in the back row and his Cardiff colleague, Mark Ring, will play at centre. Mark Titley, of Swansea, appears on the wing and Paul Turner, the Newport stand-off, who has English qualifications, joins the backs. The other vacancy is filled by Mark Bailey.

Last season, the Barbarians won 35-6, though they lost the previous year, 30-32, to an East Midlands side that ran in seven tries. The county team give a debut to John Orwin, the former England lock, who moved to Bedford this season.

Bedford, in their centenary season, supply six of the XV, including Andy Key, the captain, and Northampton nine.

Meanwhile, John Howe, the lock forward who played for the Northern Division last season before his move from Hartlepool Rovers to Saracens, will make his Thorn EMI county championship debut on Saturday in the semi-final against Cornwall at the Stoop Memorial ground.

Illness forced Howe, an England under-23 representative last season, out of the game for a couple of months, but he has returned with great effect for Saracens and played against United Banks for Middlesex last week. So did Chris Sheasby, the student from King's College, London, who, with Jim Thorn, the Richmond prop, also makes a first appearance in the county's championship pack.

For the semi-final of the championship, which they won two years ago, Middlesex have kept essentially the same backs which carried them through the group games, save for Simon Smith, the injured Wasps wing.

Chris Alcock, who captained the Royal Navy to victory over the Army in the first round of the Inter-Services Championship on Saturday, moves from centre to full back when he plays for Cornwall.

North Midlands, who meet Yorkshire in the other semi-final at Moseley, will be without Jacko Page, the former England scrum half who captained them through their group games. He is injured and his place goes to Graham Viney, of Dixonians, and the captaincy to John Watkins, the goal-kicking Hereford lock.

Compared with the team that beat Warwickshire, last season's champions, in a group play-off, North Midlands have David Reid back at centre, Eddie Saunders on the wing and Graham Mosses in the front row.

● Julian Hyde, who led Warwickshire to the colts county championship in December, will captain England colts against Italy on March 21 at New Brighton.

● It has been confirmed that an English under-21 county championship will begin next season, bringing a controlling hand to a situation which already exists in many areas of the country. A logical consequence of this will be a divisional competition at the same age level.

Teams and details

BARBARIANS (v East Midlands, today): S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); M Titley (Swansea and Wales), M Ring (Cardiff and Wales), W Carling (Durham University and Harlequins), M Bailey (Wasps and England); P Turner (Newport), R Gilles (Aberavon and Wales); D Sole (Bath and Scotland), I Watkins (Ebbw Vale), I Milne (Heriot's FP and Scotland), G Roberts (Cardiff and Wales), J Widdecombe (Newport), P May (Lanelli), G Rees (Nottingham and England), M Gibson (London Irish and Ireland).

MIDDLESEX (v Cornwall, March 14): N Stringer (Wasps); A Dent (Harlequins), R Lozowski (Wasps), C Smith (Harlequins), S O'Reilly (Metropolitan Police), M Fletcher (Harlequins), J Cullen (Richmond); J Kingston (Harlequins), J Olver (Harlequins), J Thorn (Richmond), C Sheasby (Harlequins), C Pinsegar (Wasps), J Howe (Saracens), M Rigby (Wasps), P Jackson (Harlequins, captain). Replacements: G Halsey (Harlequins), P Winters (Wasps), F Staudman (Saracens), P Tapping (West London (HE), G Clanton (Harlequins), L Adamson (Saracens).

CORNWALL: C Alcock (Camborne); J Bowden (Camborne), G Champion (Truro, captain), S Rogers (Camborne), D Weeks (Camborne); N Pellow (Camborne), R Mankee (Camborne); J May (Redruth), R Tregoning (Redruth), R Keast (Redruth), S Lightfoot (Falmouth), M Haag (St Ives), A Cook (Hayle), G Williams (St Ives), D Mason (Launceston). Replacements: D Rule (Camborne), T Bassett (St Ives), R Henderson (Penzance), B Andrew (Camborne), P Elliott (Redruth), S Howarth (Plymouth Albion).

NORTH MIDLANDS (v Yorkshire, March 14): D Canwell (Birmingham); A Parsons (Moseley), D Reid (Birmingham), M Thorpe (Birmingham University), E Saunders (Coventry); M Smith (Stourbridge), G Viney (Dixonians); M Head (Old Halesonians), J Donacchi (Birmingham), G Mosses (Stourbridge); A Keegan (West Midlands Police), R Tuckwood (Moseley), J Watkins (Hereford, captain), S Masters (Moseley), J Wainwright (Stourbridge). Replacements: D Rogers (Hereford), A Tapper (Birmingham), A Crowe (Newport, Salop), J Woolley (Moseley), T Jeavons-Fellows (Stourbridge), P Hobbs (Moseley).

ENGLAND COLTS (v Italy, March 21): M Rimmer (Rugby); S Hackney (West Hartlepool), J Ramsey (Bath), P Hull (RAF), J Fenn (Northampton); M Steed (West Park), C Harrison (Rossyn Park); J Leonard (Barking), P Bond (Barnstaple), I Dunston (Romford and Gidea Park), J Burroughs (Harlequins), J Hyde (Coventry, captain), A Gissing (Leicester), P Mosley (Burnage), H Lamb (Wasps). Replacements: R Moon (Abertillery), H Howard (Liverpool-St Helens), J Locke (Harlow), D Andreou (Barkers Butts), A Sharp (Bristol), P Oliver (RAF).



Well-timed: Ring makes a late entry into Barbarians' line

Heritage meets high jinks at hospitals' hundredth final

By Gordon Allan

Today, St Mary's and Charing Cross-Westminster meet to contest the 100th Hospitals' Cup at Richmond. The first final, in what is reputed to be the oldest rugby competition for first-class clubs in the world, was played in 1875, when Guy's beat St George's.

The "missing" years were 1891, when the competition was not completed because of a dispute over player eligibility, and poor weather; the two World War periods, when it was suspended; and 1947, when the winter forced its cancellation.

In some quarters, the competition is regarded as a bit of a joke. But among the teaching hospitals of London who take part in it, it is a joke taken very seriously.

Much of its loss of standing is due to the drop in quality of hospitals rugby, whatever they may have been in the past.

There are always first-class players here and there and when they come together in the same team, as they did at St Mary's in the late Seventies and early Eighties, they carry all before them. But in general, the standard is hardly first class.

The joke also concerns the well-known, if not notorious, festivities at the final. Things happen that have nothing to do with rugby and too much, it is complained, with schoolboyish immaturity, or even hooliganism. What goes on, noisily and messily, for an hour or more before the match; damns the occasion for some.

I prefer to remember the humour — the year they brought a baby elephant from Chessington Zoo to the final, or the students who, disguised as an Arab delegation, so fooled the Richmond authorities that they were ushered into the best seats in the stand. Few practical jokes are too incongruous for the Hospitals' Cup final, and published criticism dates back to 1889, when *The Field* remarked upon the raucousness of supporters in the semi-final between Guy's and St Thomas's.

The game has changed almost beyond recognition since Dr Reginald Maples, a St Thomas's man, conceived the idea of an inter-hospital competition, and since the first match was played between St Thomas's and University College at the Oval in 1875.

Scoring values fluctuated then. In 1882, a goal of any kind was worth nine points, a try nine, and a "minor", or touchdown in defence, one.

Guy's, the first holders of the cup, have won it a record 30 times. St Mary's are next, with 25 successes, followed by St Thomas's with 17, The London, 11, St Bartholomew's nine, St George's and Westminster three each, and the Middlesex one.

In 1975, the centenary of the competition itself, Westminster beat St Mary's 12-3 in the final. The Westminster team that day included Bob Phillips, the London Welsh stand-off half, now treasurer of United Hospitals, Keith Hughes, a Welsh international back, and John O'Driscoll, a flanker who went on to play for Ireland and the British Lions, and who is still playing for London Irish.

Disappointingly, Westminster won by four penalty goals to one. *I trust the side will mark* today's anniversary with a stylish try or two.

Internationals selected for Hong Kong sevens

Welsh Academicals have included two internationals in their party for the Cathay Pacific-Hong Kong Bank sevens tournament later this month (David Hands writes). Alun Donovan, the Cardiff centre, and Mark Brown, the Pontypool flanker, are among a nine-strong playing party who will leave on March 23 for the tournament on March 28 and 29.

Academicals have taken account of players who may be required in the Welsh national squad, both for the game against Ireland on April 4 and for World Cup preparations thereafter, and of the clubs who remain in the Schweppes Welsh Cup, the semi-finals of which will be played on March 28 between Newbridge and Swansea and Cardiff v Neath.

Richard Moon, the Nottingham scrum half who has been consistent in his club's appearances in the last two Middlesex sevens tournaments, has been invited to join Academicals, who will be coached by Steve Williams (Glamorgan Wanderers).

The club will be the only British representatives in Hong Kong and have been drawn in the same group as Canada — plate finalists last year and seeded this year — and Sri Lanka.

WELSH ACADEMICALS: A Francis (Glamorgan Wanderers), M Bateen (Newport), N Davies (Llanelli), A Donovan (Cardiff), R Moon (Nottingham), M Brown (Pontypool), H Bevan (South Glamorgan Institute), M Perego (Llanelli), N Ward (Glamorgan Wanderers). Manager: I Evans (Llanelli). Coach: S Williams (Glamorgan Wanderers).

DRAW: Pool A: New Zealand, South Korea, Brunei. Pool B: American Eagles, Tonga, Kwang Hua Taipei. Pool C: Western Samoa, Japan, Hong Kong. Pool D: French Barbarians, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia. Pool E: Australia, The Netherlands, Thailand. Pool F: Argentina, Spain, Solomon Islands. Pool G: Welsh Academicals, Canada, Sri Lanka. Pool H: Fiji, Bahrain, Singapore.

Dooley's early chance to put past behind

Wade Dooley, the England lock who attracted much of the opprobrium following the Five Nations championship match against Wales at the weekend, is due to play again today when the Lancashire Police meet Gwent Police at Hutton, in a British Police Cup semi-final (David Hands writes).

The juxtaposition of the two matches — in the light of the violence at Cardiff which on Monday brought forth an official condemnation from the Rugby Football Union — may be regarded as unfortunate. But it is possible that the sooner Dooley can return to normal rugby action the better, so that he can put the weekend's unhappy events behind him.

It was Dooley's punch which broke Philip Davies's cheekbone in three places during the international, ensuring that the Llanelli No. 8 will miss Wales's match against Scotland on March 21. "Believe it or not," Dooley said yesterday. "Phil and I have been good friends, we have played together for British Police teams."

Dooley, aged 29, was winning his 12th cap and a characteristic of his progress before this season has been his ability to learn and lift his game according to the company he was keeping. His play on tour in New Zealand in 1985 drew praise from the All Blacks who were otherwise far from impressed by England's performances.

The video of the Cardiff game indicates that, at the third lineout of the game, John Hall tugged Paul Moriarty's jersey (illegally preventing him from reaching the ball). Davies punched Hall and Dooley retaliated against Davies. It was a sequence which reflected no credit on anyone and it set the tone for a sour match.

Whether Dooley will have the chance to put it behind him in today's hurly-burly of police rugby remains to be seen, since the Lancashire side — in which he has some selectorial input — will not be finalized until midday. "I'm in the squad of 22 and I'll be going along with my kit, prepared to play," Dooley said.

Leeds hunting for their third title

Leeds, the holders, go looking for their third title in the British Polytechnics Cup final, sponsored by Rugby World and Post, against Bristol at the London Irish ground today (David Hands writes). Their first success was in 1974 and they retain 10 of the XV which beat Kingston in last season's final.

Among the 10 is Tim Reeman, who plays for Davenport and kicked three penalties and a conversion in their 15-12 victory. However, Reeman has been superseded as goal-kicker this year by Mark Appleson, a first-year student who has played on the wing for Headingley and has proved a consistent points scorer.

Leeds were given a stiff contest in the group match against Sheffield, whom they beat 6-3, and in the semi-final when they overcame Thames 16-11. They will be relieved to have Ed Saunders back after a knee injury, both as flanker and captain. Saunders, who went to Sedbergh, has played for Tynedale and for the Northumberland senior side.

Bristol, finalists in 1982 and 1983, but whose only previous victory was in 1979, will hope to make amends for the Bristol University's defeat in last week's UAU final. They beat Sheffield 7-3 in their semi-final and include among their backs Richard Williams, the Gloucester scrum-half who has been a replacement for the Welsh Students representative side this season.

Owen Harries, a flanker, appeared for the Welsh Students against France in January and has played for the Bristol club, though he recently joined Newport. Indeed the Bristol centre, John Lane, himself a Polytechnic student some years ago, has helped the student backs and John Robins, the former British Lions coach and now chairman of the Combined England Students selection committee, has contributed towards their preparation.

LEEDS POLYTECHNIC: J Mallender; S Bullegh, I Melia, A Manicom, M Appleson; T Freeman, J Everett; A Bean, T Buchanan, T Smith, D Cooper, F Shortland, P Bright, E Saunders (captain), H Barrett.

BRISTOL POLYTECHNIC: K Wagland; C Meredith, P Holdstock, T Pike, S Gibson; S Harry, R Williams, B Beenen, H Roberts, J Davies, O Harries, M Espley, D Phelps, B Lamb, D Finnigar.

Referee: K Parfitt (Port Talbot).

Alcohol problem

From Mr M. Offer

Sir, I wonder if others were confused by the bizarre attitude towards alcohol displayed by the Rugby Football Union before the last international at Twickenham.

Entry to the ground was delayed by long queues at each of the gates as each spectator was subjected to a body search to determine whether they were carrying alcohol. All bottles and cans were confiscated and bemused gentlemen were obliged to empty their hip-flasks into bins provided for the purpose.

Once inside the ground, however, this air of prohibition rapidly evaporated. The bars were fully open, with beer being served in sealed pint containers enabling it to be taken on to the terraces for drinking. Surrounded by this convivial imbibition there must have been many who viewed somewhat ruefully the advertisement in the official programme for a hip-flask emblazened with the crest of the RFU.

Where was the logic behind these curious double standards?

Yours faithfully,

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Third contender

From the Careers Adviser, University College London

Sir, In the light of your article on "Ivory Towers' eroded Privilege" (March 5) and having read recent reports about the Oxbridge boats trailing in the wake of the University of London, may I suggest that the standard of the Boat Race be raised by the addition of the London crew as a third contender, in future years? After all, the Boat Race takes place on London's "home ground", with sufficient room for a three boat race.

Yours faithfully,
M. E. T. TILEY,
Gower Street, WC1.

Davis Cup rules

From Mr Józef Garliński

Sir, In your issue of March 3 there was an article on Ivan Lendl's planning to play for the USA in the 1992 Olympics, but that he would not be allowed to play for them in the Davis Cup. According to your reporter, in 1981 the rules were tightened and a player who had represented one country could no longer represent another unless the first one ceased to exist because of partition or amalgamation.

This rule is much older. In 1939, as a young student, I was a linesman in the Davis Cup in Warsaw between Poland and Germany. Baworowski played in the Polish team and Metaxa in the German, both former Austrian players; in the German team was also Menzel, a former Czechoslovak player. This was possible because both countries had ceased to exist.

Yours faithfully,

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Outspoken success of the first black woman in the IOC

DAVID MILLER, the Chief Sports Correspondent, resumes his Olympic tour with a profile of Anita DeFrantz

Los Angeles

It is appropriate that the first black woman to be elected to the International Olympic Committee — simultaneously representing within that body two minority voices — should come from a line of radical black emancipators.

Furthermore, Anita DeFrantz, a lawyer and a bronze medallist in the US rowing eight at the Montreal Olympics, was preferred as a new United States member, at the session in Lausanne last October, to Peter Ueberroth, probably the most powerful voice in American sport. Miss DeFrantz has been set some exacting standards. She hopes to live up to them.

It was Ueberroth's aura of autocracy, as the former president of the Los Angeles Olympic organizing committee, which cost him his chance, producing one of the few reverses experienced by Juan Antonio Samaranch during his six years of presidency of the IOC. Ueberroth was the preference of Samaranch, supported by Richard Pound, the Canadian vice-president, from six candidates put forward by the US Olympic Committee.

But the executive board resisted Samaranch's wish, and Miss DeFrantz was proposed to the members and, traditionally, elected unanimously.

Ueberroth, now the commissioner of baseball — and said by some to be a potential president of the United States — was deeply disappointed. Yet he sent congratulations to the woman whose administrative career he had directly helped to promote within the LAOOC, having been impressed by her record of staunch minority opposition to the Carter boycott in 1980.

Although Ueberroth's commercial enterprise and personality would have been valuable to the IOC, some members were afraid of his tenacity and instinct for control. There was strong support for Miss DeFranz from Eastern European and Third World members: Ueberroth might well not have been elected if proposed by the executive board.

Miss DeFrantz, who is a demure but positive woman, is the vice-president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation, which has the responsibility of directing Southern California's 40 per cent share of the huge profits from the LA Games for the benefit of youth and sport. What will be her contribution to the IOC, with its heavy proportion of European influence?

"I have great hopes and optimism for helping to promote a movement which has been central to my life," she said. "I think I have a sense for the athletes, in a way few of the older members are able to have, and of how sport works in the US. It is important the US has a coherent voice within the IOC, which perhaps it has not always had in recent years."

There was a time when the US Olympic Committee voted to exclude their then two members, Roby and Roosevelt, from domestic administration. Miss DeFrantz has been at pains to persuade the present USOC, which she first joined in 1977 as a member of the Athletes Advisory Council, that the IOC's move towards professionalism will not automatically jeopardise the American public's financial support for their Olympic teams.

Miss DeFrantz's great grandfather was the son of a French plantation-owner in Virginia, whose Alsace origin donated the 'tz' to her name. Her grandfather was prominent in the Pat Singleton Movement, which emancipated slaves from Virginia and led them to Kansas City in the mid-19th century.

Her grandfather moved to Indianapolis and became the executive director of the Black YMCA, establishing a series of annual trans-American meetings exhorting black equality. Her father and mother have been prominent in the Community Action Against Poverty organization. She was born in Philadelphia, grew up in Indianapolis, went to university in Connecticut and law school in Philadelphia.

In 1980, appalled by president Jimmy Carter's expedient ban on the American team, Miss DeFrantz, who was in training with the rowing squad, raised formal protest at the White House. When the USOC's inner circle debated on what their official attitude should be, she was outvoted 9-1.

She took the matter to court. Financially supported by Robert Zagoria, a fellow lawyer and an athlete, by the American Civil Liberties Union, and by Covington and Burling, the international legal firm, she tried to sue the US Government in Washington DC: and lost.

Newspaper editorials, which four years later would praise Romania and China for coming to Los Angeles, condemned her for being unpatriotic.



Minority voice: DeFrantz

Through her athletes' advisory position with the USOC, she was already a member of the LAOOC board, and in 1983, Ueberroth persuaded her to join the full-time staff as the assistant director of the two Olympic villages at UCLA and University of Southern California.

Because some 1,500 unvetted accreditations had to be given to laboratory staff and lecturers at USC, who came and went at will during the Games, Miss DeFrantz and the security forces lived on a knife-edge of anxiety.

With that in mind, the IOC will be the better for her knowledge of organizing a Games, her first-hand enthusiasm for sport, and her social integrity.

SPORTS LETTERS

Time for golf to change

From Mrs C. P. Lohan

Sir, Your report on the annual general meeting of the Golf Foundation and the excellent progress of junior golf under its auspices made a vivid contrast to the other article in today's issue (March 4).

The former clearly illustrates the changing face of junior golf (not boys or girls, but junior) inspired by such a grand old man of the game as Henry Cotton and the latter, sadly, the restrictive and bigoted attitudes that still prevail in many golf clubs towards their female members. Imagine — Fiona Macdonald, highly intelligent and one supposes a better golfer than many of the men at this "old" club, still has this one insurmountable handicap — she has the wrong chromosome composition to be allowed out on the course before 4 pm on a Saturday.

One can only hope that the forthcoming inquiry by the Equal Opportunities Commission will recommend the removal of this anachronism from our laws relating to private clubs. It is time that establishments such as Hollinwell GC dignify their lady members (and indeed their lady visitors) with the same title as their men. Let them all be called amateur players — to which only one set of rules can apply.

Yours faithfully,
C. P. LOHAN,
16 Sallows Shaw,
Sole Street,
Cobham, Kent.

England must think again

From Mr Jonathan Smith

Sir, Putting on one side the foul conditions, which do not in any event justify foul play, can there be any excuse for the sordid spectacle at Cardiff?

As it was predictable, the England selectors, coach, captain and some of the players need to have a straight look at themselves. They misunderstand the nature of rugby, a game in which self-control is essential; they are preparing for matches in a negative, uncreative frame of mind; and they abuse the words bravery, commitment and pride as much as they abuse the bodies on the pitch. What is there left to look back on with real pride? The bloke you "filled in"?

For England this season is tryless and dead. So will next season be, and the next, until they ask why there is so much dirty play; until they ask, as Gloucestershire are not before time asking, why their disciplinary record is so appalling.

Yet go to Paris. There was a fast, spirited, skilful game called rugby. It isn't the conditions, it's the conditioning.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN SMITH,
79 The Ridgeway,
Tonbridge, Kent.
March 8.

From Mr Christopher Berkeley

Sir, My five-year-old son turned to me while watching the England v Wales rugby international on television and said accusingly, "I do not want to watch this any more, Daddy! They are behaving like babies." I remained silent: I could tell that he was in no mood to accept a eulogy of rugby union football and I did not have the stomach to deliver one.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BERKELEY,
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160 Kingston Road,
Merton Park, SW19.
March 8.

The future of student sport

From the Chairman, British Students Sports Federation

Sir, Whilst welcoming the excellent articles by Andrew Longmore highlighting the rising standards of university sport despite the equally rising strictures upon financing it, as chairman of the British Students Sports Federation I must point out that the same comments apply to the remainder of student sport conducted in polytechnics and colleges. In the former the lack of facilities has to be added to the financial problems, and yet overall the standards continue to rise.

The BSSF, which has 5,000 members, exists to organise and establish British championships and leagues in many sports in which students and institutions from all sectors of tertiary education may participate. In addition it is responsible for preparing British participation in the World Student Games. These are held biennially, this year in Zagreb, and will involve 180 British participants, the largest number ever.

The future development of student sport is however reaching a crucial position. The BSSF, in conjunction with the City of Sheffield, are preparing a bid to bring the World Student Games to Britain in 1991. Should this bid be successful the media exposure of the BSSF will bring with it public recognition for student sport, more sponsorship of student championships and hopefully one student sports body recognised by all other sports organisations, both nationally and internationally, as representative of all student sports in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
M. M. CLARK,
28 Woburn Square, WC1.

In memoriam

From Mr Michael Claughton

Sir, "In remembrance of English Rugby which died ingloriously at Cardiff Arms Park, March 7 1987. Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing followers who prefer flair and fortitude to fists and louts. Oh, where are my Sharp and my Duckham of long ago?"

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CLAUGHTON,
29 Maidstone Road,
Ashford, Kent.

MOTOR RALLYING

End of the road for Sintra loop

From David Duffield
Estoril

After the deaths and injuries to spectators in last year's event here, the world rally scene has undergone fundamental change. Distances are now shorter and the powerful Group B cars have been banned. What effect this will have on excitable spectators remains to be seen.

The infamous Sintra loop, with spectators massed within inches of the speeding cars, has been dropped from the route and the event now starts with a rally-cross event in the Estoril Autodrome. Designed for television, and with spectators safely ensconced in the grandstands, it should have little bearing on the result of the 1,305-mile rally, although the initial times will be of interest to followers of the Lancia-Mazda duel.

Lancia were first in Monte Carlo and Mazda won in Sweden. Both rallies took place in snow and sub-zero temperatures but with Estoril basking in a balmy 67 degrees, some of the roads ahead will be dusty, with most of the 382 miles of the 37 special stages taking place over gravel roads or mixed surfaces.

Timo Salonen, the winner in Sweden and first in Portugal in 1985, is Mazda's main hope while Mikki Biasion, the winner in Monte Carlo in the Lancia HF4WD, missed the Swedish rally to practise in Portugal. But the dark horse could be Kenneth Eriksson in the VW Golf GTi.

The road conditions in Portugal will help to narrow the advantage of four-wheel drive over front-wheel drive and he could make the top three in what is a very reliable car.

● The early challenge of John Brown and Dougie Watson-Clark, the joint leaders after one event in the Marlboro National Rally Championship, will be put to the test in the Skip Brown Rally, which starts in North Wales on Saturday.

Although they compete in different classes — Brown in the Open and Watson-Clark in Group A — the driver with most points at the end of the eight-event championship will take the Marlboro crown.

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RACING: GREYSTOKE 10-YEAR-OLD WEIGHTED TO GAIN SECOND COURSE AND DISTANCE SUCCESS

Tullamarine on handy mark for Catterick centrepiece

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With The Last Prince, Bally-Go, Ram The Thor, Jonlani and Tullamarine all standing their ground for the Peter Vaux Memorial Trophy at Catterick today, visitors to the north Yorkshire course are at least guaranteed a spirited race for the day's most valuable prize — in spite of the shortcomings of the rest of the programme.

The Last Prince and Bally-Go have met once already this season. That was at Nottingham towards the end of January when Bally-Go prevailed by just half a length.

On that occasion he was getting 4lb from his principal rival. As they will be carrying the same weight this afternoon the advantage has swung, in theory at any rate, to The Last Prince, especially as that subsequent fall at Southwell might well have undermined Bally-Go's already suspect confidence.

As both Jonlani and Beau N'Idol were others to fall last time, I am inclined to wonder whether The Last Prince will manage to give a stone to Tullamarine, especially as Ram The Thor is likely to be carrying overweight.

The winner of one race over today's course and distance last season, besides another at Carlisle, Tullamarine gave a hint of better things to come when he was runner-up to Dart Over at Wolverhampton 17 days ago.

That race was over 3½ miles and it is my contention that the 10-year-old, who is trained at Greystoke by Gordon Richards, will be better suited by today's slightly shorter distance.

On a card such as this, Old Applejack is unashamedly nominated as the day's best bet in the RMC Group Novice Hunters' Chase in the belief that a short-priced winner is preferable to a longer-priced loser.

Even allowing for the fact that his task was made a lot easier at Wetherby last Wednesday when Rugy, his rival in the betting market, was brought down at the first fence, Old Applejack still did well to run away from Peace Clash and win by 20 lengths.

More importantly, that race showed that this smart point-to-pointer had brushed up his jumping on the racecourse proper since being beaten four lengths by Bronze Head.

Today's programme can begin with a win for Run For Ever in the first division of the Hornby Novices' Hurdle even if he is not quite as good as Nigel Tinkler, his present trainer, hoped when he bought him out of Kevin Prendergast's Irish stable last autumn. Backed down to even-money favourite for his last race at Kelso, Run For Ever could finish only third, beaten 10 lengths by Meritmoore and Bushido. The opposition this afternoon does not look as strong.

The other division should go to Rockmartin, who cost his present owners 20,000 guineas when they bought him out of Ian Balding's Kingsclere stable in the autumn.

Winner-finding features

Two important winner-finding features have been added to our in-line racecards this week. The figure immediately after the horse's name indicates the number of days since the horse last ran.

The symbols F, G and S in brackets denote the type of ground on which the horse has won. F represents hard, firm and good to firm; G is good; and S incorporates good to soft, soft and heavy.

The inclusion of this information means that our betting forecast reverts to the foot of each race.



Calm before the storm: All is peace and tranquillity at Cheltenham as the racecourse's general manager, Edward Gillespie, and the legendary Arkle await next week's Festival stampede (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Linley has new battle on his hands

By Alan Lee

Richard Linley knew all along that the road back from tragedy would be slow and hard. Only now is he finding out just how hard.

The euphoria of riding a winner on his comeback day at Kempton Park, after 14 months of enforced absence, has long since evaporated. In its place have come impatience and frustration as the weeks have passed and the winners have refused to flow.

"It has been pretty quiet," Linley said. "I've had two winners in seven weeks and, in general, the ammunition has not been there. I simply haven't been offered many rides."

That was not the grumbling complaint of one who believes he merits better attention, much more the observation of a man who has been through a private hell and now acknowledges there are those reluctant to accept he is back.

The serious injuries, most notably to his shin, which Linley sustained in a car accident in November 1985, have completely healed. He insists he is fit, as fit as a jockey can possibly be with only limited race-riding.

Just before returning to the saddle the likeable 32-year-old told me he was keenly aware of the battle on hand. "Everyone will be watching for me to slip up and there will be those waiting to say I can't ride any more. It's up to me to prove them wrong."

Now, despite that dream return, he has discovered the truth of his remarks. "I've done everything possible to get fit and I am back to my old riding weight of 10st 4lb, but a few more race rides would certainly help put an edge on me. It's partly a matter of making trainers aware that I am around again."

It hardly helped Linley's cause when, at Sandown last month, he dislocated his shoulder while riding a finish on Gaye Brief. The partnership which won the Champion Hurdle in 1983 did not emerge well from what had seemed a promising run — Gaye Brief returned to the injured list and will miss the Festival, while Linley had to contend with another obligatory rest.

Although still retained jockey to Gaye Brief's owner, Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin, Linley has also had to tolerate losing the ride on the Sheikh's Gold Cup candidate, Bolands Cross, to the champion jockey, Peter Scudamore, who rode him throughout last season.

Linley is approaching Cheltenham with only four confirmed rides over the three days. For the sheikh, he will partner Galas Image, Malya Mal, and Half Free, of which the last-named has clearly the best chance. He also rides Charcoal Wally for his friend and near-neighbour, Ron Hodges, in the Champion Chase.

Further opportunities depend to some extent on whether Graham Bradley recovers in time from his leg injury, as Linley is standing by to partner Robin Wonder in his chosen race, and Robin Goodfellow in the Sun Alliance Hurdle.

Looking further ahead, Linley has two possible mounts in the Grand National, and has another engagement before the season ends when he moves into a new home, complete with 80 acres of land, in rural Somerset. "Getting that lot in order will at least keep me fit until next season begins," he says.

Gillespie in total command as Festival looms

The six hours between 8am and 2pm next Tuesday will be the worst hours of Edward Gillespie's year. They always are. The National Hunt Festival, one of Britain's major sporting events, is about to unfold, and any last minute hitches will be his responsibility.

"There's always a panic on the Tuesday morning," Gillespie explains. "But as the horses go out on to the course for the first race I begin to relax a little. After all, that's what everyone's here for."

Edward Gillespie is general manager of Cheltenham Racecourse, a job which carries with it the onerous task of overseeing the planning, organization and running of one of the biggest events in the racing calendar. He is responsible for every aspect of administration that involves humans, rather than animals.

Gillespie's brief ranges from setting up race sponsorships to selecting the brand of sausage to be served in the Tattersalls restaurant. He deals with marketing, racecourse facilities, advertising and television.

He liaises closely with the caterers and with the Tote, and for the Festival meeting he is responsible for the design of the enormous tented village, which is now so big that people refer to it instead as a canvas city.

More than 100,000 racegoers expected

Gillespie is 34, an energetic man whose precise and quickfire manner conveys his total command of the situation. He was educated at Tonbridge School and York University, where he earnt a 2.1 in politics, despite going racing during his final 48-hour paper. He was general manager of Sandown and Kempton before coming to Cheltenham in 1979 and he is also clerk of the course at Warwick.

During the three-day meeting next week, more than 100,000 paying racegoers will pass through Cheltenham's turnstiles, plus a further 10,000 owners, trainers and annual members.

This is roughly half the figure who attend the June Ascot meeting, which lasts for five days, but, as Gillespie points out: "The ridiculous thing is that Cheltenham is performed when most people are still huddled around their fires. I like to think of it as the marshal of spring. For many people, it's the first thing they look forward to after the New Year."

The total gate turnover will exceed £1 million. On Gold Cup day alone there will be 25,000 people in the members' area, each paying £25 for their badge. The tented village, which stretches from the parade ring to the three-mile start, consists of nearly 200 chalets and marquees, supported by aluminium poles which, as Gillespie is fond of pointing out, would stretch for 13 miles if they were laid end to end. The cost of hiring one of these chalets, where large companies and well-heeled individuals entertain their clients and friends, ranges from £1,400-£4,000, depending on size.

The course caterers, Letheby and Christopher, employ 2,300 casual staff for the three days. They have 68 bars and expect to serve 36,000 lunches. They will sell an estimated 20,000 bottles of wine, 12,000 bottles of champagne, 15,000 pints of Guinness and 120,000 bottles of beer and lager. The beef and salmon orders tend to be in tons rather than pounds and 15,000 portions of fish and chips will be consumed.

By far the largest turnover is, of course, in betting. In 1986 the Tote took almost £2 million in the three days, and this accounted for only 15 per cent of all on-course betting. Gillespie points out that more on-course money is wagered on the final race of the meeting, the Cathcart Challenge Cup, than on the Derby. For a lot of punters, it is the final "get-out."

Tote turnover may exceed £2 million

Total prize money for the 18 races amounts to £500,000. The least valuable is worth £12,000, the Gold Cup £85,000. "On average, race per race, it is horseracing's richest meeting," Gillespie says. "But we are not going to be hurried into an auction with Ainree or Leopardstown over the value of specific races."

His worst fear is the weather, although the Festival has not lost a day's racing since the 1978 Gold Cup. Anything that is lost goes to the April meeting, but, as Gillespie says: "It simply isn't the same then. A lot of people book a week's holiday in mid-March, and they can't always change it." He has had only one major weather scare at the Festival meeting, when a few years ago waterlogging on parts of the course had to be cleared by helicopter.

Cheltenham Racecourse is a limited company wholly owned by the Jockey Club, which has the advantage of no dividends going out. Instead, the course is entering the final phases of a £7 million masterplan to redevelop the stands and paddock, which began in 1979 when the first part of the new grandstand was built.

More development planned for 1988

Work on the final part of the grandstand will begin the day after the 1988 Festival meeting and, when complete, it will be the biggest stand redevelopment since Sandown. In terms of building, the past year has been a quiet one, with a mere £1 million being invested on new boxes and a new stable lads' hostel.

Edward Gillespie will be at his desk at 7.0 on Tuesday morning and, for the following three days, he will have little time to relax. He will supervise his staff, which for the March meeting increases from 30 to 300; he will liaise with the police, organize the presentations, and make sure that sponsors are being looked after; he will deal with every conceivable problem, whether it is a major security concern or a broken down washing machine in the valet's room. But he keeps everything in perspective.

"It is important to remember," he says, "that Cheltenham is not just a commercial enterprise. It is a festival of the sport and people come here to enjoy themselves."

John Dorman

Tote profits a record at £3.5m

Lord Wyatt of Weeford, the chairman of the Horserace Totalisator Board, yesterday announced record profits of £3.5 million, assuming next week's Cheltenham Festival meeting takes place as scheduled.

Speaking at the annual Tote luncheon in London, Lord Wyatt said: "That is far and away a record, and it is three times last year's profit."

Lord Wyatt also commented on the forthcoming introduction of live daily coverage of racing in betting shops by Satellite Information Services. "The starting prices will continue to be impartially decided by a representative of the Press Association and The Sporting Life. No one would dream of tampering with that. It would destroy the punters' confidence."

He also reiterated his support for Sunday racing, saying: "Sadly some, particularly in the Churches, regard betting as highly immoral. They have got their morality in a muddle. Suppose a punter lays out £15 a week in bets. Statistically, he will lose £3.30 out of his £15, an amount others may, for instance, spend on drink.

"And for millions, having a bet is the only individual truly democratic decision they regularly make. Contrary to public belief, the amount of money available for betting is not finite. When there are seven or eight races the total money wagered rises proportionately and there will be an even bigger bonanza when we get Sunday racing."

Pitman back from injury with winner

Mark Pitman, out of action for more than two months with a shoulder injury, returned with a victory on Mamora Bay in the first division of the Watergall Novices' Hurdle at Warwick yesterday.

Pitman has a long history of collar-bone problems. He broke the right one in a fall at Ludlow in November and again when schooling the following month. Finally it was decided to have three screws inserted in the damaged bone.

He has been riding out for the last three weeks but doctors insisted on delaying his return a little longer. He had his colours on for a comeback at Newbury last Friday but the meeting was called off.

Yesterday, however, Pitman demonstrated that his shoulder was sound and strong when he drove Mamora Bay out to beat Great Gander by three-quarters of a length.

The winner is trained by Pitman's mother, Jenny, who said: "The lad deserves that — he works very hard." Mrs Pitman also saddled Shipbourne, a 66,000 guineas purchase, and he ran well for a long way before pulling up.

The stewards interviewed Monica Dickinson about the running of the favourite. Tonights The Night, who was pulled up, and accepted her explanation that the horse was not suited by the very testing ground.

Results from Warwick

Going: soft

2.0 (2m 5f hdle) 1. MAMORA BAY (M Pitman, 20-1); 2. Great Gander (P Warner, 11-2); 3. Riyash Key (R Beggan, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Tonights The Night (pu), 15-2 Shipbourne (pu), 9 Model Lady (6th), 10 Rewat (4th), 12 Pop Dancer, 16 Little Serenity (pu), 20 Mather (5th), 33 Loch Laddie (pu), 66 Sousage (pu), Ashton Express (pu), Cookoughter (pu), Prestbury Lad (pu), Rain Chaser (pu), Rusty Falls (pu), Sunfort Guy (pu), Emmlow (pu), Joy's Doubee (pu), Penryn Boy, Polecroft, Cupids Bower. 23 ran. NR: Legal Wizard. Pauper Hill. ¾l, Sl, ½l, 8l, 1l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £28.40; £1.10, £2.20, £5.40. DF: £37.20. CSF: £123.90.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. GENTLE APPROACH (Mr N Bloom, 4-5 fav); 2. Stand Back (Mr D Bloor, 5-4); 3. Lulham Bridge (Mrs C Smallman, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Tarquin's Lord (pu), 25 One-T-Corbet (f), 66 Hard Toffee (pu), 6 ran. NR: Shrewd Operator. 15l, dist. Mrs M Thompson at Market Harborough. Tote: £1.80; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.05.

3.0 (3m 4f 180yd ch) 1. FREDWEL (S Morshead, 6-5); 2. Port Astraig (H Davies (8-11 fav). 2 ran. dist. P Bailey at Wilsford-cum-Lake. Tote: £2.00.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1. VALE OF SECRECY (M Meagher, 13-2); 2. Don't Ring Me (P Scudamore, 9-1); 3. Abbe Lad (M Perrett, 8-11. ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Knosse, 12 Buckshee Boy (6th), 14 Natspour, Noble Eyre, 20 Mountain Crash (4th), 33 Chelow, Destulong, Mahatta Palace (pu), Spartan Sorcer (pu), Suffolk Downs (5th), Whisking Dancer. 50 Devil's Arrow (pu), Last Kit, Parker Jackson, Seal Prince, The Nigelstan (pu), Croghan Star, March Memories (pu), Rubadark (pu), Touch Of Luck, Dry Gin. 24 ran. NR: Fyleigh Court. ½l, 2½l, 6l, 15l, 2½l, R Fisher at Ulverston. Tote: £6.10; £2.60, £3.00, £3.40. DF: £24.50. CSF: 44.50.

4.0 (2m ch) 1. ENCANDESCE (T Morgan, 2-1 fav); 2. Golden Raider (P Scudamore, 6-1); 3. Expeditious (R Beggan, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Hacking Squaw (5th), 13-2 Nobilotte (4th), 16 Carol's Music (pu), 25 Sharajen (f), 33 Dobsons Choice, Michael House (6th). 9 ran. NR: Dawn Justice. 8l, 5l, 3l, 6l, 15l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £12.86.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1. WILTSHIRE YEOMAN (Miss G Armytage, 13-2); 2. Baton Match (Mr P Fenton, 9-1); 3. I Wonder When (R Crank, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav The Processor (5th), 5 Topgoil, 9 Auntie Dot (4th), 14 Hawaker, Marcellino, 16 Mustang. 33 All Flash, It'm For Gala, Compasour (6th). 12 ran. 1½l, 8l, 4l, 4l, 3l. P Hayward at Netheravon. Tote: £7.80; £2.80, £2.20. £2.30. DF: £99.80. CSF: £58.13. Tricast: £707.79.

Placepot: £72.40.

Sedgefield abandoned - frost

Catterick doubt

There is a 7.30am inspection at Catterick Bridge to determine whether today's meeting can take place. There was snow on the track yesterday and Charles Enderby, the clerk of the course, said: "There must be an element of doubt about the meeting."

Today's other scheduled meeting, Bangor, and yesterday's fixture at Sedgefield were both abandoned because of snow, taking the total of meetings lost this season to 59.

● Graham Bradley, sidelined by a leg injury since February 27, expects to be fit for the Cheltenham Festival. Bradley will resume riding out for Monica Dickinson tomorrow and if the Jockey Club's medical officer, Dr Michael Allen, gives the go-ahead, Bradley will make his comeback on Flying Dancer at Doncaster on Saturday.

● One Five One, who was due to make a first racecourse appearance in the Grunwick Stakes National Hunt Flat Race at Catterick today, died of a heart attack on Owen Brennan's gallops yesterday.

● William Hill, the sponsors, make Kescast 8-1 favourite for the Imperial Cup at Sandown on Saturday. Other prices: 10-1 Neblin, Ballydurrow, 11-1 Yabis, Mecca and Corals make Ballydurrow and Kescast 9-1 joint-favourites.

● Tom Gallagher, former assistant to Jim Bolger, is the latest Irishman to join the British training ranks. He has a string of 14 horses, mainly two-year-olds, which he will train for a private company, Oakled Bloodstock Ltd, at Lydiatt, near Southport.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Seagram Grand National, Liverpool: Ballascurra Lad All engagements (dead): Noon Gun, Biddlesway, Ball Springs, High Morale, For To Go, Maireads Joy, The Toymaster, Get A Trip, Spong Pursuit, Honest Tom.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Run For Ever.
2.45 Next Dance.
3.15 Tullamarine.
3.45 OLD APPLEJACK (nap).
4.15 Rockmartin.
4.45 Earthworks.
5.15 Providence Bay.

By Michael Seely

3.15 Jonlani. 3.45 Sweet Diana. 4.15 ROCKMARTIN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 NEXT DANCE.

Going: good to soft (7.30am inspection)

2.15 HORNBY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (15 runners)

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4	0/0-P	MURPHYS DREAM 84 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-11-3	R Lamb	—
5	0UP	SOME CASH 9 (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 5-11-3	—	—
6	00/	SWEET CHESTNUT 865 (J Wade) J Wade 6-11-3	A Merrigan (7)	—
10	000F03	TREVELLO 18 (I Jordon) I Jordon 7-11-3	B Storey	98
11	2/	WAYSIDE INN 1,283 (Mrs A Harker) B Wilkinson 8-11-3	G Harker	—
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15	0P	DON'T BE SILLY 14 (G Ennor) Mrs C Clark 6-10-12	S McNeill	—
16	003000	KATY QUICK 7 (F Barlow) M Naughton 6-10-12	J D Davies (4)	95
17	020243	LINGHAM BRIDE 14 (F) (J Swiers) J Swiers 5-10-12	Mr J Osborne (7)	● 99
21	03	RUN FOR EVER 12 (BF) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 4-10-9	M Dwyer	96
25		GRISETTE (B Toland) R Barr 4-10-4	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Andrea's Pride, 3-1 Run For Ever, 5-1 Katy Quick, 7-1 Lingham Bride, 8-1 Trevello, 12-1 Katy Quick, Bright Suggestion, 14-1 others

1986: STAR'S DELIGHT 4-10-2 D Teller (13-2) W Storey 16 ran

FORM ANDREA'S PRIDE returned to best when (10-7) beating Jump To It (10-2) 3l here (2m, £916, good to soft, Feb 14, 14 ran). TREVELLO was a touch one paced but ran best race to date on latest start when (11-3) 5¼l 3rd to the useful The Jolly Beggar (11-8) at Newcastle (2m, £1085, good, Feb 21, 21 ran). BRIGHT SUGGESTION showed marked improvement to (10-11) when 4l 2nd to Cap D Azure (11-2) at Catterick, despite being hampered, (2m, £779, good to soft, Jan 24, 14 ran). KATY QUICK, below form of late, finished (10-10) a creditable 11¼l 3rd to Pleggdon Green (10-9) at Ayr in November (2m, £1335, yield, Nov 22, 13 ran). LINGHAM BRIDE is consistent and (10-13) was not disgraced when 16l 3rd to Masnoon (11-2) at Catterick recently (2m, £685, good to firm, Feb 25, 15 ran). RUN FOR EVER probably has most scope for improvement and (10-12) finished 10¼l 3rd to Meritmoore (10-12) at Kelso on most recent start, (2m, £685, good to soft, Feb 27, 14 ran).

Selection: RUN FOR EVER

2.45 PUDBY SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £838: 2m) (11 runners)

1	4P044	ALLISTERDRANSFIELD 68 (K Johnson) G M Moore 11-0	M Hammond	95
2	004020	DEE-TEE 12 (C Parker) C Parker 11-0	K Doolan	88
4	PP	MASTER MUSIC 65 (Mrs G Watford) T Watford 11-0	S Keightley	—
5	P80004	NEXT DANCE 14 (Mrs E Hewitson) J S Wilson 11-0	S Storey	● 99
6	0P2P0	SAXELBYE PARK 20 (V) (J Abell) P Felgate 11-0	S Johnson	70
8	P000	STRONGARM 12 (B) (R Dods) R Dods 11-0	C Grant	83
11	P0	ARRAS STYLE 25 (Mrs C Clark) Mrs C Clark 10-9	K Jones	—
12	20	JUMP TO IT 19 (BF) (J Burgess) G M Moore 10-9	S Youlden	88
14	000220	LITTLE PRICE 12 (C Bell) Miss M Bell 10-9	M Dwyer	91
17	P	SING LUCKY SING 42 (S Molyneux) G M Moore 10-9	S Turner (7)	—
18	0032P3	SOLENT BREEZE 19 (Mrs M Saunders) B Stevens 10-9	NON-RUNNER	81

BETTING: 9-4 Next Dance, 3-1 Jump To It, 5-1 Little Price, 8-1 Strongarm, 10-1 Saxelbye Park, Allisterdransfield, 12-1 Dee-Tee, 16-1 others

1986: MATELOT 11 0 G Bradley (3-1 jt-fav) M Naughton 14 ran

FORM LITTLE PRICE (10-7) finished 19¼l 5th to Meritmoore (10-12) at Kelso (2m, £685, good to soft, Feb 27, 14 ran) in a novice hurdle event with DEE-TEE (10-12) only a short head away in 6th after hitting the last and STRONGARM (10-12) well beaten. Previously DEE-TEE (10-7) proved he is effective on heavy ground with a 6l 2nd to Tara Dancer (10-7) in a Carlisle seller (2m 1f 110y, £517, heavy, Dec 16, 5 ran) with ALLISTERDRANSFIELD (10-7) 27l back in 4th. NEXT DANCE (10-9) ran a relatively good race in novice company over course and distance (£685, good to firm, Feb 25, 15 ran) when 6¼l 4th to Sagar (11-4) SAXELBYE PARK (10-9) was seen to best advantage in a seller over course and distance when 15l 2nd to Class Hopper (10-9) in January (£621, good to soft, 8 ran) with ALLISTERDRANSFIELD (10-9) 16¼l back in 4th. JUMP TO IT was disappointing last time after (10-2) a 3l 2nd to Andrea's Pride (10-7) over course and distance (2m sell, £816, good to soft, Feb 14, 14 ran) with SAXELBYE PARK (10-7) and ARRAS STYLE (10-2) well behind.

Selection: NEXT DANCE

3.15 PETER VAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,998: 3m 300yd) (14 runners)

1	R03300	TRAVELOWEN 16 (F,G,S) (F Pitter) W A Stephenson 10-11-11	R Lamb	89
2	20-P142	THE LAST PRINCE 43 (G,S) (Snailwell Stud Co Ltd) M H Easterby 10-11-8	L Wyer	92
3	P0-4P1F	BALLY-GO 20 (BF,F,G,S) (C Bell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11-8	M Dwyer	92
4	110-003	RAM THE THOR 18 (S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 12-11-1	Mr J Walton	● 99
6	0112-1F	JONLANI 46 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs F Raper) Mrs M Dickenson 8-10-12	C Grant	92
7	P34300	JOE'S FANCY 18 (G,S) (P Liddle) P Liddle 9-10-10	N Doughty	91
8	221-342	TULLAMARINE 16 (CD,S) (W Stevenson-Taylor) G W Richards 10-10-8	P Tuck	92
11	414-P34	GAHERTY 15 (G,S) (J Gledson) J Gledson 14-10-5	T Reed	87
12	F02F1F	BEAU N'IDOL 15 (G,S) (E Robson) E Robson 8-10-4	S Storey	98
14	P-P220	CRANLOME 35 (G) (Mrs P Fanning) R Champion 9-10-2	N Richards	96
15	213F0U	MELEREK 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Jordan) G M Moore 12-10-1	M Hammond	90
17	4301U0	BE FREE 33 (F,S) (Mrs G Bartle) Mrs G Bartle 12-10-0	Mr J Osborne (7)	79
18	002031	PURPLE BEAM 14 (CD,F,G) (T Barnes) T Barnes 8-10-0 (4ex)	—	88
19	0-F9233	STRAWHILL 14 (G,S) (Mrs L Ford) E Alston 12-10-0	K Doolan	81

BETTING: 3-1 Jonlani, 7-2 Tullamarine, 4-1 Bally-Go, 5-1 The Last Prince, 8-1 Ram The Thor, 10-1 Beau N'Idol, 12-1 Travelowen, Purple Beam, 14-1 others

1986: SINGALONG SAM 9-10-1 B Storey (11-2) F Watson 8 ran

FORM BALLY-GO (10-12) best judged on penultimate outing when beating THE LAST PRINCE (11-2) 10l at Nottingham (3m, £2686, good, Jan 27, 6 ran). RAM THE THOR (11-6) returned to somewhere near best when just over 51l 3rd to Brother Geoffrey (10-7), with TRAVELOWEN (11-10) 21½l behind in 5th and JOE'S FANCY (10-3) a further 10l back in 6th at Newcastle (2m4f, £2286, good, Feb 21, 10 ran). TULLAMARINE (10-0) was well supported in the market when 3l 2nd to Dart Over (11-2) at Wolverhampton (3m 4f, £2553, good, Feb 23, 9 ran). Best effort from CRANLOME (11-1) this season is represented by a 15l 2nd to Ansuro (10-0), with CAHERTY (11-4) 7l behind in 3rd. JONLANI (11-6) an 8th fence casualty and MELEREK (10-9) still in contention when falling 4 out here (3m 1f, £2536, good to soft, Jan 24, 7 ran). JONLANI (11-7) is better judged on a 10l beaten of STRAWHILL (10-8), with MELEREK (10-12) another 20l away in 3rd, also here at Catterick (3m1f, £1998, good to soft, Jan 2, 4 ran).

Selection: RAM THE THOR

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
Mrs M Dickinson	5	14	35.7
D Todd	5	14	35.7
N Tinkler	5	23	26.1
M H Easterby	18	73	24.7
M W Easterby	13	87	19.4
M Naughton	10	59	16.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
J D Davies	5	18	27.8
C Grant	22	126	17.5
M Brennan	8	51	15.7
N Doughty	6	44	13.6
M Dwyer	9	65	13.5
P Tuck	8	74	10.8

Guide to our in-line racecard

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Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 RMC GROUP PLC NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,158: 3m 300yd) (10 runners)

1	F-21	OLD APPLEJACK 7 (S) (W H Clarke) W Clarke 7-12-0	J Osborne (7)	● 99
2	0	BLEW'S HEIR 15 (Miss E Davidson) J Haldane 11-11-9	—	—
6	4/0P20-4	MARITZ 15 (D Williamson) Mrs S Redfern 11-11-9	—	—
7	P-	PADDY'S GLEN 505 (W Barker) W Barker 10-11-9	—	—
9		THE PLAINTIFF (Mrs J Jordan) Mrs J Jordan 9-11-9	—	—
10	PR00-P	TRUMPTON 32 (Mrs P Sheikls) Mrs P Sheikls 10-11-9	C Smith (7)	—
11	00-F	WAGES OF SIN 145 (J Thorpe) J Thorpe 8-11-9	—	74
13	000000/	EASTER WATERS 1,375 (Dr M Way) Dr M Way 9-11-4	—	—
14	00/223-	KIJANNA 345 (T Dalgetty) T Dalgetty 8-11-4	—	—
15	0U4013/	SWEET DIANA 1,031 (F) (C Dawson) C Dawson 8-11-4	—	—

BETTING: 6-4 Sweet Diana, 7-4 Old Applejack, 6-1 Kijanna, 8-1 Wages Of Sin, 10-1 Blew's Heir, 14-1 Maritz, 16-1 others

1986: LING HALL 7-11-2 D Kinsella (5-1) Mrs P Russell 15 ran

FORM OLD APPLEJACK (11-7) jumping well, forged clear to beat Peace Clash (12-5) 20l, with the rest at the finish a distance away, at Wetherby last time (3m 100y, £921, good to soft, Mar 4, 7 ran). Earlier OLD APPLEJACK (11-12) finished 4l 2nd to Bronze Head (12-3) on debut at Sedgefield (3m 2f 60y, £901, Feb 24, 8 ran) a race in which MARITZ (11-12) finished 45l back in 4th and BLEW'S HEIR (12-6), not punished once beaten, came home in 7th. SWEET DIANA last year won all completed starts in point-to-points.

Selection: OLD APPLEJACK

4.15 HORNBY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (18 runners)

3	PUP000/	BOUNTEOUS SPIRIT 667 (B Bewick) J Townson 7-11-3	—	—
4	00-	BOW HANDY MAN 298 (Mrs J Houghton) J Redfern 5-11-3	S Keightley	—
5		COUNT COLOURS (Mrs A Norton) S Norton 5-11-3	C Grant	—
6	320B02	CRACK-A-JIM 15 (D Clift) Miss Z Green 5-11-3	J R Quinn (7)	92
9	00	GLENDERRY 64 (B,BF) (Mrs A Jones) Hbt Jones 5-11-3	J J Quinn	79
12	002040	HINCKLEY LANE 14 (B) (B Padgett) M W Easterby 5-11-3	G McCourt	89
13	0U0-0	KAVAKA 25 (J Ross) G M Moore 5-11-3	M Hammond	90
14	000-P00	KINBOSHI 8 (P Bowlby) P Bowlby 7-11-3	—	81
15	20	ROCKMARTIN 23 (BF) (M D M Racing Ltd) C Thornton 5-11-3	D Wilkinson	● 99
16	P	TOUCH LUCKY 4 (North Cheshire Trading & Storage Ltd) T Fairhurst 5-11-3	C Fairhurst	—
19	P	CHARLENE LADY 7 (Mrs B Broad) Mrs B Broad 6-10-12	Mr J Osborne (7)	—
20	22	COCKED HAT SUPREME 147 (BF) (Cocked Hat Farm Foods) Miss S Hall 5-10-12	P Tuck	96
21	00-003	MAREJO 15 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 6-10-12	Mr J Walton	89
22	30-4000	MRS CHRIS 75 (CDL 44 Foods Ltd) M Naughton 5-10-12	J D Davies (4)	87
24	430	CAPRICORN BLUE 7 (B) (P Assam) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-9	M Dwyer	93
25	0	DOM EDINO 7 (C Holden) M Avison 4-10-9	R Marley (7)	—
27	6843	ROMANTIC UNCLE 7 (BF) (P Cockcroft) H Wharton 4-10-9	S Yeoldan	95
29	0000	HARSLEY SUPRISE 15 (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 4-10-4	Mr C Smith (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 Rockmartin, 7-2 Capricorn Blue, 5-1 Cocked Hat Supreme, 7-1 Hinckley Lane, 8-1 Glenderry, Romantic Uncle, 10-1 Crack-A-Jim, 12-1 Marejo, 14-1 Count Colours, 16-1 others

1986: FREE TO GO 4-10-4 A McGibbon (10-1) M Naughton 17 ran

FORM CRACK-A-JIM (11-0) just failed to hold off the late challenge of Surpass (11-0) when going down by a head at Sedgefield with MAREJO (11-4) 10l back in 3rd (2m, £1138, good to soft, Feb 24, 10 ran). HINCKLEY LANE is consistent and ran to form when (11-4) 8l 5th to Sagax (11-4) at this course (2m, £685, good to firm, Feb 25, 15 ran). ROCKMARTIN disappointed last time, previously (11-0) had made a very promising debut to be 6l 2nd to the useful High Plains (11-7) at Wetherby (2m, £2101, soft, Dec 26, 17 ran). COCKED HAT SUPREME runner up at Wetherby (2m 4f) last time, previously (11-0) 4l 2nd to Whiskey Time (11-0) at Market Rasen with MRS CHRIS (10-5) 14l back in 4th (2m, £833, good, Aug 2, 13 ran). ROMANTIC UNCLE (10-7) ran easily best race when 5l 3rd to Hurricane Henry (11-0) at Wetherby with CAPRICORN BLUE (10-7) 8th and DOM EDINO (10-7) unplaced (2m, £685, good to soft, Mar 4, 20 ran). Earlier CAPRICORN BLUE (11-0) ran a far better race to be 3¼l 3rd to Hurricane Henry (11-0) here (2m, £685, good to firm, Dec 8, 17 ran).

Selection: CRACK-A-JIM

4.45 NEWBY NOVICE CHASE (£1,262: 2m) (12 runners)

2	0-0041P	KEYCORN 9 (CD,G,S) (H Key) J Blundell 7-11-9	M Brennan	91
6	003000	AVIATION SUPPORT 103 (J Wade) J Wade 7-11-2	B Storey	—
7	6/P-P0P0	HOT POTATO 14 (L Dorwood) E Alston 7-11-2	K Doolan	—
8	3-3UPP2	IDA'S DELIGHT 14 (F,G) (J Charlton) J Charlton 8-11-2	P Dennis (4)	● 99
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BOXING

Tillis steps in to provide Bruno with a useful test on his ring return

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Frank Bruno's next opponent will be a man Mike Tyson was unable to stop, James "Quick" Tillis, of Chicago. Bruno was to have met another American, Greg Page, on March 24 at Wembley, but Page suffered a cut eye in training. Though, like Page, Tillis is not in the top 10, he has been in and around the leading heavyweights and should prove a good, yet safe, test for Bruno, who will be having his first bout after his crushing defeat by Tim Witherspoon last July.

Tillis, aged 29, took the former world champion, Mike Weaver, 15 rounds before failing to lift the World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight title. Seven months ago, Tillis was outpointed by Joe Bugner, the former British and European champion, in Sydney. Tillis could not get to grips with the 36-year-old Englishman, now living in Australia, and his laid-back approach to boxing 10 rounds. A survivor though Tillis is, boxing fans will be waiting to see if Bruno can go one better than Tyson and stop him.

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless said: "I know Tillis very well. Frank, Tillis and Tyson have all been in the same gym together when they trained in the United States a few years ago. At the time Tillis was probably the leading heavyweight contender. He is a very smart guy and knows his way around, and probably gave Tyson his toughest fight last year. If I remember rightly he was ahead after eight rounds before Tyson put in a storming finish."

The next bout for Terry Marsh, the British International Boxing Federation (IBF) light-welterweight champion, could be against Hector "Macho" Camacho, the hard-hitting World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight champion from Puerto Rico, and it could be staged at the Albert Hall in the first promotion at the Kensington venue by Warren. The London promoter, who will be putting on four shows there this year in association with Harvey Goldsmith's Allied Entertainments, has been trying for three years to get his foot in the Albert Hall door, which was kept firmly shut by his rivals Mike Barrett and Mickey Duff.

Marsh could move down to Camacho's weight or Camacho could move up to lightwelter. "It all depends on whether the IBF give Camacho a place in their top 12 ratings. Otherwise Terry would be prepared to move down. I don't expect any trouble getting Terry a rating on WBC," Marsh said that he preferred to move down as he has no trouble making lightweight and would be stronger than Camacho.

The other prospective opponents on Warren's list are Ray Mancini, the former world lightweight champion, who retired in 1985 but wants to come back as a lightwelterweight, Reyes Cruz, of the Dominican Republic, Akio Kameda, of Japan, and Buddy McGirt, Andy Nance and Harold Brazier, all Americans.

But Marsh said yesterday that, though he was still set on making only one defence of his world title, he did not mind moving up or down if the money was good. The bout with Camacho could make Marsh $500,000. But the man Marsh wanted to meet most was Lloyd Honeyghan. "Honeyghan's people say Terry is too soft a fight. If that is so why don't they take him on. That is the fight everyone wants to see," Warren said.

Return of the forgotten men

By Srikumar Sen

Two forgotten light-middleweights, Nick Wilshire and Lloyd Hibbert, surface to contest the Commonwealth title, held by Wilshire, and the British title vacated by Chris Pyatt, at the Albert Hall tonight. Wilshire boxed only twice last year and Hibbert, because of injuries, has not seen much more than six months of action in three years.

The rest will have done Wilshire good as he was taking too much punishment, even when winning, and had lost much of his sharpness after two defeats by Jimmy Cable.

Unless he has changed his face-first style and his predictable hook-jab-hook, one-two-three, one-two-three Victor Sylvester strict tempo, he could be in for a hard time against the skilful Birmingham boxer whom he stopped early last year in eight rounds. Hibbert, who gave Lloyd Honeyghan a tough bout in 1983, has beaten good quality opponents such as Gary Cooper, Joey Singleton and Tek N'Kalenkele.

In the joint top-of-the-bill contest, Tom Collins, the former British light-heavyweight champion, and John Moody, of Rayleigh, meet for the British light-heavyweight title vacated by Dennis Andries.

Collins is a stylish boxer with a good right hand which once floored Andries, but he tends to fall asleep during the bout and forget exactly what it was he was supposed to be doing. His manager, Trevor Callighan, uses special techniques to keep Collins on his toes. If he lapses into his old ways he could be in for a rude awakening, for Moody is a rough no-nonsense fighter.

Collins has met better class opposition than Moody and travelled abroad to face world-title contenders. In his last bout he was outpointed by Alex Blanchard, of The Netherlands, the European champion. Moody's best opponent has been Keith Bristol, not much more than area standard. But, coming from a boxing family of fighting uncles, Moody is out to prove himself and could lift the title on work rate.

● Next Sunday's scheduled title fight between WBC light-flyweight champion Chang Jung-koo, of South Korea, and Efren Pinto, of Mexico, has been postponed until April 19.

● Belgium's European junior-lightweight boxing champion, Jean-Marc Renard, defends his crown today amid confusion over who is his manager. His former manager, Robert de Beuckelaere, flew to Cosenza in Italy, where Renard is to fight Antonio Renzo, but he will not to be allowed to assist his former charge at the ringside. Meanwhile, a court in Liege, Renard's home town, suspended his contract with De Beuckelaere, and the boxer immediately appointed Andre Stockx as his new manager.



Heavy weight: Flushed and flabby, Foreman celebrates after stopping Zouski yesterday

Foreman back in old routine

Sacramento, California (Reuter) — George Foreman, the former world heavyweight champion, yesterday stopped Steve Zouski, his opponent from the United States, in his first contest in almost 10 years.

Foreman, aged 39, looked ponderously overweight at 19st 11lb — 3st 8lb heavier than the 32-year-old Zouski — but his blows forced Henry Elepura, the American referee, to stop the fight with 14 seconds of the fourth round left.

Zouski, who looked equally unfit, was little more than a punch-bag for Foreman, who had not fought since losing on points to Jimmy Young in Puerto Rico on March 17, 1977.

Micky Duff, the British fight promoter, said he was impressed with Foreman's return. "He didn't look smooth, but George Foreman was never a smooth fighter, even in his prime. He was a power fighter," said Duff.

Foreman improved his professional record to 46 victories and two defeats, and earned $20,000 (around £13,000).

McAuley gets a world title shot

By George Ace

Dave McAuley, the unbeaten British flyweight champion from Larne, Northern Ireland, will attempt to emulate Barry McGuigan, his former stablemate, by winning a world title on April 25.

McAuley has been matched with Fidel Bassa, from Colombia, who won the World Boxing Association title only last month. The contest will be sponsored by Smirnoff, who were behind McGuigan's successful world title bid in London in June 1985, promoted by the Eastwood Organization, and will take place at the King's Hall, Belfast.

At a press conference in Belfast yesterday, BJ Eastwood, McAuley's manager, said: "It was not as difficult as I imagined it would be to get Bassa to make a voluntary first defence of his title in Belfast. It was expensive but it cuts the odds against McAuley taking the title and gives him a real chance."

McAuley, unbeaten in 13 professional fights, two of which have been drawn, won the British title in Glasgow last October, stopping Joe Kelly, of Scotland, in the ninth round.

It was only last month that Bassa, fighting in his home town, won a close decision in highly controversial circumstances over Hilario Zapata. Midway through the bout Zapata went down against the ropes and quite suddenly a fist from a ringside seat crashed into his face and the contest was halted for nearly 10 minutes.

Eamonn McAuley, the Belfast lightweight and another stablemate of the British champion, was at the fight in Colombia that night. He rates Bassa as a clever boxer but not a great puncher. "Dave will always have a chance against a boxer like Bassa," he said. "If he can get his left hook going early he will make life uncomfortable for the world champion. McAuley is slightly taller and may just have reach advantage."

Bassa, aged 24, is unbeaten in 17 professional bouts, leaving the amateur ranks when little more than a novice with only some 30 contests behind him.

CRICKET

New Zealand may struggle to reverse the decline

From Richard Streeton, Christchurch

The omens are not good for New Zealand as they enter the third and final Test match here tomorrow against a West Indies team determined to hold their 1-0 lead in the series intact. West Indies might not be quite the force they were, but they are proving too strong for opponents who are also on the decline.

Success in the second Test at Auckland brought renewed incentive to West Indies at the right time. It seems unlikely now that they will allow their advantage to be prised loose. New Zealand have been too inconsistent in every department for one to avoid drawing the conclusion that the most rewarding period in their cricket history is coming to an end.

New Zealand's defeat last week was only their third in 25 Test matches in their own country since 1978-79, when Pakistan won the series 1-0. Since then they have played seven series at home, winning six of them and sharing the other. In recent weeks, however, they have drifted nearer and nearer the rocks.

The euphoria which greeted the marvellous stand between Wright and Martin Crowe that earned a draw at Wellington tended to hide the reality that West Indies were on top for most of that first Test. Then at Auckland, where New Zealand hoped that a crumbling wicket would be an asset for their spinners, their own batting failed. They have also dropped too many catches. Even the weather turned against them, with frequent showers helping to bind the turf.

The pitch at Lancaster Parkis expected to help seam bowlers; it might also be slightly underprepared because of the heavy rain which prevented both teams practising outdoors. On neither count have the New Zealand batsmen any cause to be pleased.

Martin Crowe would be in most people's World XI these days and Wright's application could stand him in good stead again. Everyone else, though, has looked overawed against the West Indies attack. Coney, playing his last Test series before retirement, and Jeff Crowe have had a terrible time and Patel, a fine County championship player, is finding it hard to step up a level.

It is expecting an awful lot of the newcomer, Horne, to tilt the scales. Horne definitely wins his first cap and, with Wright, will give New Zealand a left-handed opening pair, a rarity for them. A second change could be the inclusion of Snedden, a medium fast bowler.

Snedden has been the man omitted from the 12 each time so far, but he could play instead of the spinner, Boock, if the pitch retains its present greenness. The main burden remains with Hadlee, who has the spur of playing in his home city and Chatfield. At 35 and 37 respectively both men find it uphill work on occasion.

West Indies could be tempted to revert to four fast bowlers to take advantage of a helpful pitch. From their point of view, this would also slow down the over rate. Garner and Richards are fit and Garner could return in place of Butts, the off-spinner, or Gray, if only three pacemen are picked.

Richards's team still rely a great deal on a good start from Greenidge and Haynes to insure against middle-order batting which occasionally still proves brittle. Everyone, though, apart from Logie, has recently made runs, following the three-day game last weekend at Napier. Logie's contribution remains significant because of his electric fielding at forward short leg, where he has no rival anywhere in the world.

NEW ZEALAND (from): J V Coney (Captain), J G Wright, P A Horne, J J Crowe, M D Crowe, D N Patel, R J Hadlee, I D S Smith (wicket keeper), J G Bracewell, M C Snedden, S L Boock, I J Chatfield. WEST INDIES: (from): I V A Richards (Captain), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, H A Gomes, A L Logie, P J L Dujon (wicket keeper), M D Marshall, J Garner, C G Butts, A H Gray, C A Walsh. Umpires: S J Woodward and G C Morris.

TENNIS

Lendl to compete in Scottish Open

Ivan Lendl, the world champion, and several other top-class players, will compete in the Scottish Open Tennis championships in Edinburgh in June. Douglas Lynn, the secretary of the Scottish Lawn Tennis Association, confirmed yesterday that Lendl had abandoned his original plans to stage his own pre-Wimbledon tournament, which would not have received official blessing.

Prize-money at Edinburgh could amount to almost £100,000 and a sponsor may be named shortly. Centre court seating at the Craiglockhart Courts can accomodate 4,000 spectators.

Lendl's decision to play in Edinburgh, together with other leading players, such as Andres Gomez, will not please organisers of the Stella Artois Grand Prix, at Queen's Club in London, which is scheduled for the same week. Lendl's personal manager, Jerry Solomon, said that the world No. 1 would not play at Queen'sbecause there was insufficient time to adjust to grass following the French Open Championships on clay in Paris.

The women's event at Edgbaston could also be hit by the Scottish Open, with Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, and the Canadian, Carling Bassett, playing in Edinburgh. Like Lendl, these players are managed by the American-based ProServ group.

So far, Gomez is the only other principal player who has confirmed his entry, although Yannick Noah and Mats Wilander had previously expressed an interest.

The championships proper begin on June 6, but from June 11-14 the finalists in both men's and women's singles will join the world-class players in a round-robin final, to be televised, again in direct clash with the official Grand Prix at Queen's Club.

BADMINTON: CHAMPION HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT, WHILE DOMESTIC HOPES ARE GIVEN A BOOST

Frost could be left out in the cold

By Richard Eaton

Morten Frost, the champion and top seed for the Yonex All England championships, starting at Wembley today, will do well even to reach Sunday's final. The player he is scheduled to meet in Saturday's semi-finals is the one he probably most wanted to avoid, China's Yang Yang.

Yang Yang defeated Frost both in the heat of Kuala Lumpur in the world grand prix finals in December and in the cool of Malmo in last week's Scandinavian Cup. If he manages it again this week it will be a severe blow to European badminton, which needs the London-based Dane to show there is still someone capable of overcoming the leading Asians.

Yang Yang's acrobatic, left-handed attack can, however, be unpredictable, although it almost always succeeds against Icuk Sugiarto, Indonesia's world cup winner, who is expected to reach the final via the other half of the draw. Sugiarto though is struggling to recover from a foot injury that caused his withdrawal from the Scandinavian final, but expects to be fit to play today. Another possible seeding upset could involve the England's No 2, Nick Yates, who may fancy his chances in the second round against Foo Kok Keong, of Malaysia. Another not to be ruled out is the South Korean No 1, Park Joo-Bong, who is scheduled to meet Frost in the last eight.

The other top seed, Li Lingwei of China, looks a safer bet in the women's singles, although the title holder, Kim Yun-Ja, of South Korea, may be more dangerous than her seeding suggests. Last year she beat both China's Qian Ping, her projected semi-final opponent, and Japan's Sumiko Kitada, the second seed.

The second seeds in the men's doubles, Jalani and Razif Sidek will not be regaining the title they won in 1980. The Malaysian brothers have withdrawn because of a back injury to Jalani, and a move by the seeding committee to have China's Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi moved into the bottom half to replace them has been rejected by the IBF.

Li and Tian are scheduled to play England's Martin Dew and Dipak Tailor in the last eight, which would be a repeat of last week's brilliant British Airways Masters final at the Royal Albert Hall.

Baddeley lifts English hopes

The list of Steve Baddeley's achievements this season is startling. The 25-year-old Enfield left-hander won the Commonwealth Games gold medal, regained the English national title, reached the semi-finals of the British Airways Masters at the Royal Albert Hall, and became only the fifth player to earn 100 England caps.

On top of that he had his back scratched with a coin in Indonesia to overcome influenza and was involved in a mid-air drama over Edinburgh while travelling to the last world grand prix tournament of 1986.

Baddeley not only survived that worrying aeroplane incident, when the wing flaps jammed and fire engines raced along the runway after it, but went on to win the second major open title of his career.

Little wonder that halfway through the All England championships at Wembley this Friday he will be presented with the Badminton Writers' Association annual award.

Unfortunately he may have to miss most of the lunch preceding the presentation — he has the appetite of a human vacuum cleaner — because later that afternoon he is likely to have a contest with his oldest rival in the game, Misbun Sidek, the Malaysian No. 1.

If Baddeley were to win, he would become the first home player to reach the semi-finals since before the war. That would be an achievement to lift even this down-to-earth fellow to heights of euphoria.



Baddeley: still flying high

Standards at the top in men's singles have gone up tremendously since the start of the lucrative world grand prix circuit three years ago. Yet Baddeley, a player some said was too clumsy in his movement compared to the feline standards of today's stars, and who was supposed to be short on stamina, has arguably been one of the world's best eight players for the last three years.

He has a thumping, treacherously disguised smash, a keen eye and nice touch which should make his progress exciting.

The main obstacles facing him this week will be nerves, the Wembley drift, and a tough, nuggety little South Korean called Sung Han-Kook, who beat him in the Japan Open in Tokyo. Baddeley should meet him in a tease last 16 encounter.

Before that, however, he has an ideal first round match against the useful Welshman, Phil Sutton. That should warm him up and help ease some of the pressure connected with the world's most famous tournament.

That might be important. Pressure so afflicted Baddley's precedessor, Ray Stevens, that the five-times English national champion remained coiled inside himself like a clock unable to unwind. Amazingly Stevens, despite years of trying, never earned a place in the last eight.

However, if Baddeley can come through to meet Sidek, the omens are good. Baddeley beat him last December, before the Malaysian's home crowd in the steaming Stadium Negara in Kuala Lumpur. And though the seedings say otherwise, Baddeley might be slight favourite to win again. That would cause the biggest All England celebration since Ralph Nichols reached the last four way back in 1939.

Richard Eaton

ATHLETICS

Grant set to end on high note

Dalton Grant and Paul Harmsworth hope to set the seal on their splendid indoor seasons by helping to lead England to victory over the United States in Friday's annual Kodak Classic Athletics International at Cosford.

Grant jumped higher and Harmsworth ran faster than ever before indoors at the world championships in Indianapolis last weekend, providing two high spots in a disappointing weekend for Britain.

Two other British representatives in Indianapolis, Donovan Reid and Tony Morrell, are also included in the 28-strong team.

Sebastian Coe, the double Olympic champion, will be making his first, and probably only, appearance of the indoor season, in the 3000 metres.

England will have their work cut out to beat the Americans, who include two Indianapolis medal winners in their team — Tonie Campbell, the 60-metres hurdles champion, and Mark Campbell, bronze medal winner in the 60m sprint.

ENGLAND: Men: 60m: E Obeng (Belgrave), M Waldron (Coventry). 200m: D Reid (Haringey), M Adam (Belgrave). 400m: S Heard (Wolverhampton and Bilston), P Harmsworth (Team Solent). 800m: A Myatt (Warley), M Steel (Longwood). 1000m: T Morrell (Wolverhampton and Bilston), P Elliott (Rotherham). Miles: J Gladwin (Belgrave), A Pasaey (Bromsgrove). 3,000m: S Coe (Haringey), J Hartigan (Birchfield). 60m hurdles: H Teape (Enfield), A Jarrett (Haringey). 4x400m relay: Harmsworth, Heard, J Regis (Belgrave), K Bentham (Thames Valley). High jump: D Grant (Haringey), H Pierre (Haringey). Pole vault: J Gutteridge (Windsor), S Davey (Shaftesbury). Long jump: B Williams (Sheffield), D Burgess (Haringey). Triple jump: J Herbert (Haringey), F Abolde (Haringey). Shot: N Gray (Shaftesbury), G Savory (Blackheath).

TABLE TENNIS

China to test England to the full

China, the world table tennis champions, are to play a series of matches against England next month. Represented by Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke, Carl Prean and Skylet Andrew, England will meet the Chinese on eight successive days, starting at Sunderland on April 25.

The other venues will be Oldham, Halifax, Bath, Bletchley, Norwich, Gillingham and Plymouth.

China will be led by Chen Xinhua, the world No. 4, who was a bronze medallist during the recent world championships in New Delhi. Also included in their team are Fan Changmao, Cheng Yinghua and Yong Guang Di.

ITINERARY: April: 25: Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland. 26: Oldham Sports Centre. 27: Northbridge Leisure Centre, Halifax. 28: Bath Sports and Leisure Centre. 29: Bletchley Leisure Centre. 30: St Andrews Hall, Norwich. May: 1: Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham. 2: Mayflower Sports Centre, Plymouth.

SWIMMING

Affiliation fee will raise ASA £75,000

By Roy Moor

Swimmers wishing to take part in open competiton must in future pay an annual affiliation fee to the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA).

All swimmers, from the age of 10, must pay an annual affiliation fee of £2 to compete in the following: synchronized swimming, water polo and diving, racing, national championships, district, county and age group championships, open meets, water polo leagues, and national, district, or county Masters events.

Josie Grange, of the ASA, delegated to supervise the national registration scheme — first suggested, and dropped, in 1972 — said a computer system is being set up to monitor details of every registered swimmer in the country. Once the cost of setting up the system has been completed, the ASA estimates their annual income from the scheme could amount to £75,000.

REAL TENNIS

Deuchar to attack the ruling class

By William Stephens

Lachlan Deuchar, until recently the deputy professional under Chris Ronaldson at Hampton Court Palace, moved closer to his ambition of challenging his former colleague for the world championship when he won the first eliminator, by seven sets to four, against Graham Hyland in New York last month.

Deuchar, aged 28, the current Australian and British Open champion, now faces Wayne Davies, aged 31, in the final eliminator at Queen's Club on Friday and, if necessary, Tuesday.

Davies, like Deuchar and Hyland, an Australian, is head professional at New York — Hyland is his deputy — and has won three US Open championships, one Australian, and one French. His two previous challenges for Ronaldson's title have been unsuccessful.

The winner of the final eliminator will challenge Ronaldson for the world championship at Queen's Club on March 27, 29, and, if necessary, 31.

Three matches over a five-day period are scheduled for challenges and eliminators, with up to 13 sets being played. Deuchar's match against Hyland — who had earlier created a stir by winning the US Open championship, eliminating Ronaldson en route — was his first experience of the strain of such prolonged pressure.

Deuchar was inhibited by the sustained tension, which affected both players and lowered the standard of play, particularly on the second day, and he also found it difficult to adapt to the New York court. The final score after three legs was 2-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 to Deuchar.

Hylands, 31, began well on the first day, relying on a slow railroad service from the centre. In the third set Deuchar countered this by volleying, and Hylands tired. On the second day Deuchar initially made many errors, while Hylands achieved most success with a slow cut-shot into the forehand corner.

The critical set was the ninth — the first of the third leg. Deuchar was determined to be more positive and stepped up the pace, which told on Hylands. In the final analysis Deuchar's superior fitness, owing to additional off-court training, made a key difference.

YACHTING

Childerley flies flag for Britain

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

British fortunes took a turn for the better on the second day of the ski yachting regatta at Cannes, France, with Stuart Childerley taking the winning gun twice in the Finn class, with the Flying Dutchman crew of Roger Yeoman and Nick Burgin and the 470 pair Ossie Stewart and Ian Tillett finishing third in their respective races.

In a light Force 1-2 wind, tactics in the West bay were dominated by the need to play the windier left-hand side of the course — and that was where the initial leaders in the first Finn race appeared from. Childerley, who rounded the first mark in single figures, gained on the two reaches and climbed to third place after a skil ful rounding of the leeward mark. His break came on the last beat when, alone amongst the top few, he noticed that the wind was filling more on the right. It was a course that took him to victory.

In the stronger wind of the Flying Dutchman course in the Eastern bay, Yeoman initially chose the least favoured side of the beat. He crossed the course to new wind on the other side and rounded the first mark in fifth place. He eventually came good on the last beat to finish third

RUGBY LEAGUE

Coming to the aid of ailing French game

By Keith Macklin

The fortunes of French rugby league have taken a dramatic upturn since the weekend, with the announcement of a two-year grant from the French government, and a proposed World Cup compromise. When the French pulled out of the summer's tour of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea it was felt the World Cup would be seriously devalued.

However, the International Board of rugby league is considering a plan to allow France to play their away fixtures next year, giving the French the time to regather their forces and finances after recent disasters.

Meanwhile, the French government has stepped in to save the ailing game. It will give £100,000 to the code in each of the next two years, a blood transfusion to a game which seemed on its deathbed.

The British Rugby League is doing its own bit to help by paying the travel and accommodation expenses for the under-21s return international at St Helens a week on Saturday. Further expense will be saved by playing the return Colts international on the same day.

This has also been an excellent week for a senior policeman from Papua New Guinea. Graham Ainui has just been informed that he has been appointed assistant commissioner of police in his native country. He has also been given charge as referee of the Great Britain v France under-21 match. Thus becoming the first referee from Papua New Guinea to officiate at this level.

He also took charge of last Sunday's junior international match in France and is currently in Britain to officiate at four games. Ainui, who celebrates his 35th birthday on Friday, will officiate at Hunslet v Fulham on Sunday, and then at an Alliance game at Halifax, followed by the under-21 international and Bradford Northern v Wakefield Trinity.

Wigan Borough Council have followed the example of Leeds by advertising the appointment of a full-time amateur rugby league development officer. The post in Leeds is occupied by the former Great Britain coach Maurice Bamford, and the Wigan appointee will be based at the proposed new centre of amateur rugby league excellence which is under construction at nearby Leigh.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Full Members Cup
Semi-final
Blackburn v Ipswich.....

Third division
Bristol Rovers v Walsall (7.45) .....

Fourth division
Northampton v Scunthorpe (7.45) .

Scottish first division
Morton v Kilmarnock .....
Queen of Sth v Clyde .....

Scottish second division
Stranraer v St Johnstone .....

WELSH FA CUP: Quarter-final: Aberystwyth v Newport.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Hull v Everton; Newcastle v Aston Villa. Second division: Blackpool v Bolton; Stoke v Port Vale; West Bromwich v Darlington; York v Preston (7.30).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Luton (at Forest Green FC); Swindon v Brighton (2.0).

CAPITAL LEAGUE: President's Cup: Semi-final: Orient v Wycombe.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE (2.0): Hereford v Shrewsbury; Swansea v Exeter.

FA TROPHY: Fourth round replay: Burton v Maidstone.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kettering v Barnet; Welling v Sutton United.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Gainsborough v Oswestry; Worksop v Chorley.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Fourth round: Mile Oak v Hednesford.

Midland division: Leicester United v Leamington; Wellingborough v Halesowen.

AC DELCO CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Yeovil v Hendon (7.45).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Royston v Hertford. Second division south: Horsham v Woking; Petersfield v Dorking; Ruislip Manor v Molesey.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE INVITATION CUP: Semi-final: Chatteris v Wisbech.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury v Gorleston.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Radcliffe v Curzon Ashton (7.0).

WESSEX LEAGUE: Havant v Steyning; Totton v Eastleigh.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE CUP: Collier Row v Chelmsford.

FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth round replay: Leicester v Chelsea (7.0).

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Army v Combined London Old Boys (at Aldershot, 4.0); East Midlands v Barbarians (at Northampton, 3.0); Oxford University v Oxfordshire (7.15).

CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Ebbw Vale v Newport; Llanelli v Cross Keys; Maesteg v Glamorgan Wanderers; Moseley v Loughborough Colts (7.30); Newbridge v Tredegar (7.15); Pontypridd v South Glamorgan Inst; Swansea v Bridgend.

HOSPITALS CUP: Final: Charing Cross/Westminster v St Mary's (at Richmond, 2.30).

BRITISH POLYTECHNICS CUP: Final: Bristol v Leeds (at London Irish, 2.30).

TOUR MATCH: St Mary's College, Twickenham v Meiji University (Tokyo) (3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford v Hull; Leeds v Wigan; Oldham v Warrington. Postponed: Widnes v Leigh.

BASKETBALL

BRITISH MASTERS: Second elimination round (8.0): Caldercale Explorers v Falkirk; Livingston v Sunderland 76ers.

HOCKEY

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Cardiff v Exeter (at Wilkesden NHC, 3.30).

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: St Albans v Oxford University.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Yonex All England championships (at Wembley Arena).

BOWLS: CIS Insurance Men's indoor home international championship (at Aberdeen).

BOXING: British light-middleweight title: Nick Wilshire v Lloyd Herbert; British light heavyweight title: Tom Collins v John Moody (at Albert Hall).

UNIVERSITY GAMES: Eurotrain indoor challenge: Bradford v Leeds (2.0).

SPORT ON TV

ICE SKATING: World figure championships, Cincinnati. C4: 2.30. ITV: 10.30pm.

SPORTS AFTERNOON: Domestic football and skating from Cincinnati. BBC2: 2.36pm.

SPORTSNIGHT: Championship boxing from Royal Albert Hall: Commonwealth and British light-middleweight title. Nick Wilshire v Lloyd Herbert; British light-heavyweight title: John Moody v Tom Collins; Skating; World figure championships. Cincinnati: Football: domestic news. BBC1: 10.20pm.

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Bremner the manager: a realist with a romantic streak

Lynne Greenwood meets the all-white redhead who leads United

Bremner's Wembley dream

Billy Bremner renews his romance with the FA Cup on Sunday when he takes Leeds United to Wigan in pursuit ofa place in the semi-final. It is 14 years since Bremner last walked out at Wembley in the all-white strip of Leeds.

Cup Final celebration pictures of a group of boyish-looking players who grew into a team of managers still hang in the entrance hall at Elland Road. Bremner is the third member of that team to manage his old club, succeeding Eddie Gray, who followed Allan Clarke.

"As a footballer the League championship is the pinnacle of any player's career," Bremner said. "Once the playing days are over the dream is to lead out a team at Wembley. If that team is the one you've played for for 18 years, it's a very special dream."

Bremner believes that the FA Cup is the best domestic competition in the world because a second or third division side can reach the semi-finals."That wouldn't happen in Europe," he said. "It gives a touch of romance to our soccer."

Before this season's contest Bremner put his money on Norwich for Wembley. They were knocked out by Wigan. As the former manager of Doncaster Rovers, Bremner knows Wigan, his third division rivals, as a "formidable force" at home. "They are good pros who don't know how to cheat," he said. But he is confident Leeds will win.

He was angry at the suggestion that the match should be moved for easier crowd control and glad that Manchester police ruled that it can be played on Wigan's Springfield Park ground.

"It's something we've come to expect now," he said. "After every Cup draw people say 'Leeds are coming, we'll have to play somewhere else'. Unfortunately we seem to be lumbered with an element who follow the team about but don't go to watch football. It's a stigma we have to carry."

If Leeds win, the comparison between them and the legendary second division Sunderland side who beat Leeds in the 1973 Cup Final will be strengthened.

"I suppose people will see it like that but Sunderland beat some very good sides before that final — Manchester City and Arsenal. We've had a couple of dodgy ties this time. Not many people would have wanted to go to Swindon or play Telford. But the QPR win was a good one for us."

When Bremner took over at Leeds 16 months ago he inherited a situation similar to the one that Don Revie faced in the 1960s. Revie threw in his youngsters, including Bremner, who grew up together and gave Leeds a decade of success that their young supporters have never known.

Bremner acted differently. He bought experience and has changed the playing staff almost completely since he took over from Gray. To find the money he sold his biggest asset, Ian Snodin, to Everton for £840,000.

"I sold Ian for one reason only, to generate funds," he said. "I was sad to part with him but it's the second time he's balanced the books for me. I sold him at Doncaster because the bank manager needed money."

Bremner, red hair faded, fiery temper still intact, knows that his image, particularly among pressmen, is still of the abrasive, unco-operative Scot. It is based mainly on his refusal to give after-match quotes."After any match I am as het-up as any of the players, I'm totally wrapped up in it. If I spoke to the press I would be liable to say things I would regret. Mind you, I leave the lads in no doubt as to what I think of them."

He accepts that public relations was not one of the talents he inherited from Revie, whom he calls "somebody special". "I couldn't lace his boots in that direction."

One thing he did learn was to treat his players like grown-up professionals. "I treat them with respect, as Revie always did. I leave them to size up situations on the pitch, I don't want them looking to the dugout for guidance every few minutes. I let them talk to the Press but advise them never to criticize other professionals."

He insists on hard work and "honesty" on the pitch. "I've told them, if they get whacked, but they, ain't hurt, to get up and get on with the game. Unless the physio comes on they're to get away and not risk getting other professionals into trouble for nothing."

He is not surprised at the number of his former team mates, all still pals, who are now managers. "It wasn't all due to Revie, because none of us could emulate him," he said. "You have to be your own man.

"But we were a great team for talking about the game afterwards. On the coach on the way home, where a lot of players would play cards we would analyse the match, visualize situations where we could have done things differently. I could picture most of the guys from Leeds becoming managers."

He singled out Big Jack Charlton, the mate he "bunked up" with for nine years as players."He's one of the best coaches in England, in Europe even, and he talks so well about the game, always constructively." They all keep in touch — Cherry, Yorath, Clarke, Hunter, Cooper — and all still have a great affection for Leeds.

But Bremner is a realist. "The directors brought me here to put Leeds back in the first division," he said. "If I don't and my time runs out I know where the next step will take me . . . a vote of confidence and then out on my ear."

Finest hour of Bobby Locke

Bobby Locke, Open golf champion in 1949, 1950, 1952 and 1957, died in Johannesburg on Monday at the age of 69. He had been taken ill with *meningitis*. Peter Ryde, golf correspondent of *The Times* from 1953 to 1979, recalls Locke's most memorable day

The first of Bobby Locke's four Open victories (at Royal St George's in 1949) ranks among the finest golf he ever played, but he got less publicity for it than Harry Bradshaw, a rollicking Irishman, whom he defeated by 12 strokes in the 36-hole play-off. This was because Bradshaw was immensely popular, while Locke was respected and those who followed him around did so because he was so good, not because they were willing him to win.

But the real fog over Locke's play was generated by Bradshaw's battle with the broken bottle (the myth soon arose in Ireland that it was a Guinness). His ball lay in the broken glass on the fairway at the fifth in the second round.

Bradshaw hated delay and was no golf lawyer; true to his nature, he took a peasant lunge at the ball and sent it 30 yards, which cost him at least a stroke. He and Locke were level at the halfway stage and at each sub-



Bobby Locke

sequent stage, so that it was natural, though not necessarily true, to say that but for the bottle, Bradshaw must have won.

That the right man won, Bernard Darwin was never in doubt; he was dazzled by Locke's game in the play-off, in which he completed the first 32 holes without a five or worse on his card.

A year later, when Locke won at Troon with a score four lower than any previous Open total, Darwin summed him up plainly as a very great golfer, a form of superlative he hardly ever used, and this in spite of the "banana hooks" which he hit off the tee, so that the stewards' cry of "Back on the right" was an invariable warning of his appearance.

Gallant attempts were made by the press to describe his looks. "Aldermanic", "magisterial", "avuncular", "a quinquireme in full sail" — this must have owed something to his fulness of figure (in contrast to the lithe young amateur of pre-war days) and his billowing plus-fours.

The amount of money he won and the deliberateness of his play did not generally endear him to other professionals. But under the immaculate dress and perfect course manners lay a hard core which treated all rebuffs with perfect indifference. He never varied his pace, and this extended into his private life — the time he allowed himself for shaving, and the speed, never exceeding a certain maximum, with which he drove himself to work.

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TENNIS

Maximum effort is required for a British victory

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Mexico City

Britain's run of luck in the world team championship for the Davis Cup has come to an awful terminus. After eight consecutive home ties they face three intimidating challenges: playing on shale (clay) in front of excessively partisan Mexican crowds a mile and a half above sea level, which is more or less a Snowdon on top of a Ben Nevis.

The Mexicans excel in such circumstances but Britain do not. On the other hand there is not much to choose, in terms of ability, between two moderate teams whose places in the 16-strong first division, officially known as the world group, are anything but secure. Mexico must be favoured to win the tie, which will be played from Friday until Sunday.

Given a maximum effort of heart and mind and muscle, Britain may just be capable of surprising them. But the crowds here are notorious for noisily sapping the concentration of players from overseas.

Paul Hutchins, Britain's manager and captain, expects they will be given "a rough ride" and taxed to the limit. "I'm not pretending the players like it here or that they like the courts," he says. "But they have all got stuck in. We have done more training than ever before. We have done everything possible to prepare for the tie properly."

The British players have been here for 11 days and the usual entourage has been expanded to include a fifth player (and acclimatized reserve, in case of illness or injury); a doctor, whose chores concern altitude fitness and instant treatment for any hint of the tummy troubles that often afflict foreigners here; and a genially wise practice partner, Carlos Kirmayr, of Brazil.

As a teenager Kirmayr was a drummer in a rock group known as "The Fleabags". He has since become an expert in the quieter rhythms of shale court tennis and the unusual task of playing in Mexico City.

"It has been a question of getting used to the clay and the altitude," Hutchins says. "Once the ties start, the crowd will be a major factor. The ties West Germany and the United States played here left a lot of bad 'vibes'. They had problems on and off the court.

"So far we have had none. But I'm concerned about the crowd. We cannot change the way of life of the Mexicans. The players have to understand that they must not let their emotions get away from them.

"The most difficult thing has been the way the ball flies from the racket. That is the reason we have had to spend so much time here."

Such a high altitude also presents physical problems. "We have been doing a fair amount of fitness training and circuit training — getting the pulse up to the maximum and working on the recovery," Hutchins says. "At this altitude it's difficult to get enough oxygen into your blood. But the recovery rates have been very good."

The British players here are Andrew Castle, Jeremy Bates, Nick Fulwood, Stuart Bale and Mike Walker. One must drop out today when the team is reduced to the mandatory limit of four. Mexico, no longer lucky enough to have a Rafael Osuna or a Raul Ramirez in their ranks (Ramirez is the captain), will probably rely on Francisco Maciel and Leonardo Lavalle or Jorge Lozano.

The police have provided Britain with a permanent motor cycle escort to get them through the traffic ("horrific", Hutchins says) between the hotel and the practice courts. As a footnote, the British team have four new pairs of shoes, transported from Miami by British journalists. How Mexico-bound shoes got to Miami in the first place is one of life's little mysteries.

● BARCELONA: Boris Becker and his West German team colleagues said yesterday that they were unhappy with the Swedish tennis balls which will be used in this week's Davis Cup tie against Spain (Reuter reports).

The world's No. 2player, whose power game is not well suited to the slow clay courts of the Barcelona club, said after practising: "There's no spin on the ball."

Surprise win for Polzl

Scottsdale (Reuter) — Judith Polzl, the little-known Austrian, scored a 6-2, 6-3 win over the eleventh seed, Mary Lou Piatek, of the United States, in the first round of the $75,000 Arizona women's tennis championship yesterday.

Miss Piatek looked largely uninterested during the match and quickly fell behind in the first set to the unseeded Austrian, who is ranked 116th in the world. Miss Polzl, aged 20, fought off four break points in the opening game of the second set, and then broke service in the fifth game to lead 3-2. The Austrian won the match with a break in the ninth game on a forehand shot that Miss Piatek made no effort to reach.

Annabel Croft, of Britain, progressed by winning her first-round match against Susan Sloane, of the United States. Miss Croft, ranked 101, ran Miss Sloane, aged 16, off the court, winning 6-3, 6-1, with much improved ground strokes.

Patricia Hy, of Hong Kong, seeded tenth, eliminated the South African lefthander, Jennifer Mundel, 6-2, 6-2, in just 62 minutes. Miss Hy dropped the first two games of each set but then proceeded to run out a convincing winner.

Debbie Spence, of the United States, seeded ninth, had an easy victory over Patricia Tarabini, of Argentina, 6-0, 6-1. Miss Tarabini, aged 18, could not match the power of Miss Spence's ground strokes and gave up the fight early in the second set. Isabel Cueto, the fourteenth seed from West Germany, defeated Adriana Villagran, of Argentina, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, in a long baseline struggle.

ICE SKATING

Russian pairs take the honours

From John Hennessy
Cincinnati

Apart from the heroic effort of an over-exposed but entirely underwhelmed couple from Hong Kong, the three entries from the Soviet Union claimed most of the attention in the pairs short programme of the world figure skating championships here yesterday.

The 15-year-old prodigy, Yekaterina Gordeyeva, and Sergei Grinkov, the holders, were given first place over their unlucky compatriots Yelena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev, the winners in 1983 and 1985, while the third pair, Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Makarov, the European champions, languished in seventh place.

Even so, Selezneva and Makarov were widely felt to be fortunate not to occupy an even more humble position. After an uncertain beginning they were allowed to restart, because of an alleged hiccup in the music. If there was something wrong the first time, they had only themselves to blame on the second occasion.

Their camel spins again went awry, their split lift nearly put Selezneva on the floor, and in the meantime, Makarov almost tripped over his own toe rake. In the circumstances, marks as high as 5.4 for technical merit and 5.7 for presentation, surely owed more to reputation than performance.

Valova and Vasiliev had the misfortune to skate first of the 13 pairs, a position which inhibits judges from showing any generosity.

The British champions, Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, skated a clean programme, with all seven required elements successfully achieved, but they lacked attack. "They were too cautious," their Canadian trainer, Kerry Leitch, said afterwards. They were placed 9th.

RESULTS: Men's third compulsory figures: 1, B Orser (Can); 2, B Boitano (US); 3, A Fadeev (USSR); 4, R Zander (WG); 5, V Petrenko (USSR); 6, V Kotin (USSR). British: 18, P Robinson. Standings: 1, A Fadeev (USSR) 0.6 points; 2, B Boitano (US) 1.2; 3, B Orser (Can) 1.8; 4, V Kotin (USSR) 2.4; 5, Viktor Petrenko (USSR) 3.0; 6, R Zander (WG) 3.6. British: 18, P Robinson 10.8. Women's pairs: 1, Y Gordeyeva/S Grinkov (USSR) 0.4 points; 2, E Valova/O Vasiliev (USSR) 0.8; 3, J Watson/P Dopegard (US) 1.2; 4, C Coull/M Rowsom (Can) 1.6; 5, G Wachsman/T Wagoner (US) 2.0; 6, D Benning/L Johnsson (Can) 2.4. British: 9, C Peake/A Naylor 3.6.

FOOTBALL

Clubs pledge to fight pitch ban

By a Special Correspondent

The decision of the Football Association Council yesterday to bar FA Cup ties on artificial pitches next season was greeted with anger and shock by the affected clubs. A five-man delegation representing the fourth division club Preston North End, who lobbied the FA Council meeting in London, pledged afterwards to fight the ruling.

The ban means that if Queen's Park Rangers, Luton Town, Oldham Athletic or Preston are drawn at home, they will have to find a neutral venue or switch the game to their opponents' ground. Also affected are Hyde United, of the Multipart League, and Feltham of the Vauxhall-Opel League.

Preston's Deepdale ground has become a major community facility since the artificial pitch was laid last year. Barney Campbell, one of the club's directors, said: "This decision spells financial disaster. We have a lot of work on our hands, but I cannot believe the town of Preston will just sit down and accept this."

Councillor Harold Parker, the leader of Preston Borough Council, who have allocated £750,000 in grants towards the club, said: "The FA are in danger of burying the spirit of the FA Cup. The real community facility we have at Deepdale is being destroyed by the same people who claim to see football as a family game".

The delegation had presented a petition to the meeting opposing the ban and signed by 20,000 supporters. Letters of support were also read out to the FA Council meeting from Tom Finney, the former Preston and England player who is now the club's president, and from Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association.

Colin Moore, a spokesman for Luton, said: "The decision substitutes a possible disadvantage to visiting teams for a certain disadvantage to Luton by having to play any game away from home."

When *The Times* broke the news to Alan Slater, secretary of Hyde United, he said: "It has come as a great shock. The FA Cup can be a source of a large amount of revenue for a club like this. We made about £8,000 when we played Burnley in the first round in 1983."

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said both sides had been given a sympathetic hearing before a decision was reached. "The FA Cup is the most important national team competition in the world," he said. "It is far more important than any individual club."

The recommendation to ban artificial pitches came from the FA Cup committee, who decided the home side were given an unfair advantage. The clubs claim results fail to support that theory. Though there is no procedure for appealing against an FA Council decision, it can be reviewed after 12 months.

Building firm in talks over The Shay

Discussions between leaders of the Halifax-based Calderdale District Council and representatives of a West Yorkshire construction group, who have offered to build a new stadium for Halifax Town, have been authorized by the council's policy committee.

The building firm, Marshall Construction, of Elland, want to build a supermarket at The Shay ground which the club at present leases from the council. The new £2 million stadium would become the property of the council on condition that it was leased to the football club.

The council leaders already have a meeting planned today with another party interested in the future of The Shay and the Labour Party said yesterday that if they gainpower in the May elections, they would put forward plans for a council takeover of the club.

Home at last

Derbyshire's Jamaican-born fast bowler Devon Malcolm, who has appeared for the last two years as an overseas player despite living in England for the past eight years, has been promised by the Home Office that he will be granted citizenship papers within the month to enable him to claim an English registration.

West Ham must wait for Brady clearance

Liam Brady, due to sign for West Ham United later this week, may not be cleared by the Italian Federation in time to play for the London club against Norwich at Upton Park on Saturday.

Brady, who has been made a free agent by his Italian club, Ascoli, is expected to fly to London today to finalize the deal, but John Lyall, the West Ham manager, said yesterday: "I have not yet received the necessary clearance from Italy. I'm hoping to receive a phone call from Italy soon, but until I hear from them there will be no further news."

Brady, a 30-year-old Republic of Ireland international, has been in Italy for seven years and had spells with Juventus, Sampdoria and Inter-Milan before moving to Ascoli this season.

The West Ham deal has already been held up for more than a week because Ascoli are still in dispute with Inter-Milan over his transfer last summer. Brady, a former Arsenal player, asserts that this has now been settled and agrees that his only remaining problem is how soon the Italian Federation will release his registration.

Jackett is a cup doubt

Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, admits that it is touch and go for the Welsh international, Kenny Jackett, who is battling to be fit for Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final tie at Arsenal. The midfield player saw a specialist last week after having a slight problem with his knee, which he aggravated during the 1-0 victory in the second replay over Walsall.

"The specialist said there is nothing clinically wrong with the joint. He has simply twisted the knee and it might take ten days to clear up. That would take us to Saturday morning," Taylor said.

Dean Emerson, Coventry's midfield player, sees a specialist today to discover whether he has any chance of playing in the quarter-final tie against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough. He limped out of last Saturday's league match against Wednesday after being kicked on his right kneecap. Emerson stayed behind as his team-mates left for a four-day break in Bournemouth yesterday.

Wednesday have sent Coventry another 400 seats for the match. The Midlands club had already sold out their allocation of 14,300.

Top two stay on course for Trophy final

The FA Trophy favourites, Kidderminster and Maidstone, are on course to meet in the final at Wembley following yesterday's semi-final draw.

Kidderminster, tenth in the GM Vauxhall Conference, face the giant-killers Fareham, who knocked the Conference leaders Barnet out of the competition on Saturday, and who had earlier disposed of Scarborough.

Maidstone, fourth in the Conference, will play Dartford — if they first overcome Burton in their undecided quarter-final.

Southern League high-fliers Dartford, who lost 2-1 to Morecambe in the 1974 Trophy final, reached the last four after a 3-1 win over Conference strugglers Nuneaton on Monday night.

DRAW: Kidderminster v Fareham; Maidstone or Burton v Dartford.
First leg to be played on April 3; second leg on April 11.

Bridge blow

Oldham's hopes of qualifying for the top eight premiership play-off, have taken a jolt with the news that the Australian centre Gary Bridge, may have played his last game for the Rugby League club. Bridge damaged his knee ligaments at Featherstone on Sunday and is due to see a specialist tomorrow, but he flies home to Sydney on March 26 and there are fears that he will not be fit to play again before he goes.

IN BRIEF

Cram sets sights on Rome

Steve Cram has set his next target as he prepares for the world athletics championships in Rome in September. Cram will definitely have two more races, and possibly a third, in his native north-east before heading to Boulder, Colorado, for his pre-track training programme at altitude.

"I'm planning to run in the South Shields and the Jarrow road races and I'll also run in the Northern Twelve stage road relays if the club enter a team," Cram said. The first of those meetings is at South Shields on March 28.

Welch target

Priscilla Welch, presently third in the British women's marathon rankings, will return from the United States to compete in the Mars London Marathon on May 10. The former Wren, aged 42, is hoping to win selection for Britain's team for the world championships in Rome.

Brewing up

Great Britain's American football side will be sponsored by Budweiser, the brewers, for the European Cup quarter-final against France, with the first leg in Dunkirk on March 22 and the return in Birmingham on April 5.

Captain Melville

Nigel Melville, the former England scrum half and captain, is to represent his country again this summer. Melville will lead the Public School Wanderers side, who will be England's representatives at the inaugural Monte Carlo seven-a-side tournament in May.

CYCLING

Roche retains his lead in Paris to Nice race

St Etienne (AFP) — The Belgian sprinter, Eddy Planckaert, yesterday won the second stage of the Paris to Nice race, a 203km section from Champigny to here, beating Sean Kelly, of Ireland, in a mass dash for the line with Sean Yates, of Britain, edged into third place.

Stephen Roche, of Ireland, aiming to repeat his 1981 triumph, retained the overall lead he took on Monday's first stage with only Kelly making inroads into his lead. Kelly, who has won the race five times in a row, gained five seconds on Roche thanks to his second-place bonus and is now 36 seconds behind the race leader, moving up from 15th to 13th place.

Roche leads by 14 seconds from Thierry Marie, of France, and Eric Maechler, of Switzerland. His lead will be under increased pressure in today's tough 244km stage from here to Mont Ventoux.

SECOND STAGE: (203 kms, Chalon-sur-Saone to St Etienne): 1, E Planckaert (Bel) 5m 21mn 38sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire); 3, S Yates (GB); 4, B Wojtinek (Fr); 5, J P Van der Brande (Bel); 6, A Gutierrez (Sp); 7, Y Mackot (Fr); 8, A Wijnands (Neth); 9, B Bruyere (Bel); 10, H Daams (Neth); 11, J Weltz (Den); 12, A Ackermann (Swez). Other British placings: 38, S Roche; 53, C Lillywhite; 64, R Millar; 69, A Tinnms, 98, J McLoughlin; 102, G Jones; 108, P Watson, 111, M Elliott, 113, M Earley.

SNOW REPORTS

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	140	240	good	fair	good	sun	-5
Good skiing everywhere							
Sölden	70	220	good	fair	good	sun	-5
Good skiing everywhere							
St Anton	80	360	good	varied	good	fine	-2
Great skiing conditions							
FRANCE							
Val Thorens	130	245	good	crust	good	snow	1
Good piste skiing							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	100	200	good	varied	good	fine	-2
Excellent skiing on piste							
Villars	40	130	good	heavy	fair	sun	3
Some slush lower down							
Wengen	70	150	good	varied	good	fine	0
Good piste skiing							
Zermatt	60	200	good	varied	poor	fine	-1
Beautiful snow above 2000m							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, surface icy; middle runs, runs complete, surface icy, lower slopes, limited nursery areas, surface icy; vertical runs, 1600ft; snow level, 2000ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; middle runs, runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1500ft; snow level, 1100ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1400ft; snow level, 1800ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 700ft; snow level, 2000ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Forecast for today: isolated light showers over Eastern highlands, otherwise dry with sunny periods; rather cold; freezing level, 1000ft; winds south-east or south, *any moderate but frosn or strong on* higher slopes. Outlook for tomorrow: little change.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Holders away

Swinton, the holders, will visit Hull in the semi-finals of the Slalom Lager Rugby League Alliance Cup for reserve sides. The other tie is Hull Kingston Rovers v Featherstone Rovers. Both matches must be played on or before March 21.

Spencer boost

Daytona, Florida (AFP) — Honda are confident that their former world motor cycling champion Freddie Spencer will be fit for the first race of the season, the Japanese grand prix on March 29, after crashing here last week. His right shoulder was broken in two places after he came off in practice for the Daytona 200 but X-rays reveal less damage than anticipated.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: Men: 1, D Hall (GB), 5050pts; 2, M Sidek (Mal), 4400; 3, I Frederiksen (Den), 4250; 4, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 4065; 5, M Frost (Den), 4000; 6, F Kwong (Mal), 3600; 7, S Park (S Kor), 3400; 8, K Soropol (Thai), 3300; 9, I Sugiarto (Indo), 3100; 10=, S Baudekey (GB), X Daobiao (Chna), Y Yang (Chna), 2800. Women: 1, O Peng (China), 5800pts; 2, K Larsen (Den), 5600; 3, L Wai (China), 5600; 4, C Hatsens (Den), 3775; 5, J-S Lee (S Kor), 3700; 6, J-H Hwang (S Kor), 3600; 7, E Lozef (Bulg), 3100; 8, S-S Chun (S Kor), 3000; 9=, E Coene (Neth), C Magnusson (Swe), 2950.

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Basketball Association (NBA): Indiana Pacers 107, Utah Jazz 102; Atlanta Hawks 108, Chicago Bulls 103; Milwaukee Bucks 118, Phoenix Suns 110; Los Angeles Lakers 136, Los Angeles Clippers 114.

ETON FIVES

WINCHESTER: Old Dunstonians bt Wessex, 153-94. Singles: C Danny bt D Irvine, 11-1; C Ure bt A Worsseldines, 11-9; G Carpenter lost to G Beauchamp, 12-10; N Kees or R Vos, 11-5 Doubles: Danny and Carpenter bt Horne and Worsseldines, 15-9, 15-0; Danny and Carpenter bt Beauchamp and Vos, 15-7, 15-7; Ure and Kees bt Horne and Worsseldines, 15-9, 12-15; Ure and Kees lost to Beauchamp and Vos, 15-13, 8-15.

ST PAUL'S: Jesters bt Old Blundellians, 145-116. Singles: A Warner bt S Ingram, 11-8; T Copp (scr) lost to S Wright, 11-0; J Boulton bt Summerhayes, 11-2; J Griffiths bt F Akerman, 12-10. Doubles: Griffiths and Boulton bt Wright and Summerfield, 11-8, 11-8; Griffiths and Boulton bt North and Akerman, 15-11, 15-7; Warner and Cobb (sub) bt Wright and Summerfield, 14-16, 15-11; Warner and Copp (sub) bt North and Akerman, 14-16, 18-14.

WINCHESTER: Jesters bt Winchester College, 137-109. Singles: M Summerhayes bt T Boyes-Watson, 11-3; F Akerman bt T Pearce, 11-2; J Pearce bt J Fisher, 11-4; C Metcalfe lost to J Kingsbury, 11-8. Doubles: Summerhayes and Pearce lost to Boyes-Watson and Pearce, 8-15, 15-13; Summerhayes and Pearce bt Fisher and Kingsbury, 15-1, 15-8; Metcalfe and Akerman lost to Boyes-Watson and Pearce, 8-15, 4-15; Metcalfe and Akerman bt Fisher and Kingsbury, 15-11, 15-11.

SQUASH RACKETS

LEEDS: Division Nair national women's championship: Nordsem beat Chapel Allerton 3, Nagle 2.

LILLESHALL: National Schools championships: Finals: Millfield (Somerset) bt Hayes School (Kent), 5-0.

FOOTBALL

Monday night's results
FA TROPHY: Fourth round: Nuneaton 1, Dartford 3.
FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth round: Chelsea 1, Leicester 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Hull 4, Newcastle 2; Aston Villa 4, Sheffield United 1. Postponed: Leicester v Oldham. Second division: Doncaster 1, Huddersfield 1.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Wealdstone 3, Hayes 0.
AD DELOD CUP: Bognor 1, Basildon 2.
Yesterday's results
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham 3, Oxford United 1; Millwall 1, Portsmouth 1.
RUSSIAN LEAGUE: Neftchi Baku 0, Torpedo Moscow 0; CSKA Moscow 1, Dynamo Minsk 0.

GOLF

FLORIDA: USPGA leading money winners (US unless stated): 1, C Pavin, $31,886; 2, L Wadkins, $254,826; 3, M Calcavecchia, $237,025; 4, B Langer (WG), $200,295; 5, T C Chen (Tai), $176,438; 6, P Azinger, $160,283; 7, P Stewart, $139,068; 8, G Sierra, $125,280; 9, D Pooley, $122,431; 10, J Miller, $118,568. Other placings: 16, S Ballesteros (Sp), $95,736; 32, G Norman (Aus), $62,998; 35, K Brown (GB), $47,268; 51, S Lyle (GB), $34,120.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 5, Minnesota North Stars 4 (OT); St Louis Blues 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, Y Noah (Fr); 5, M Wilander (Swe); 6, M Mecir (Cz); 7, J Connors (US); 8, H Lecomte (Fr); 9, A Gomez (Ecu); 10, J Nystrom (Swe); 11, J McEnroe (US); 12, T Mayotte (US); 13, P Cash (Aus); 14, M Pernfors (Swe); 15, E Sanchez (Spa); 16, K Carlsson (Swe); 17, M Jaite (Arg); 18, B Gilbert (US); 19, G Vilas (Arg); 20, K Curren (SA).

ATP MEN'S EARNINGS LIST: 1, Edberg, US$213,108; 2, Mecir, $173,717; 3, Noah, $106,001; 4, Lendl, $8,175; 5, Mayotte, $82,362; 6, Becker, $72,654; 7, Connors, $62,125; 8, M Wilder (Aus), $57,679; 9, Cash, $53,198; 10, P Arrnacone (US), $50,421; 11, Jarryd, $46,430; 12, C van Rensburg (SA), $40,763; 13, IncEnvoe $37,668; 14, Villacour, $35,805; 15, M Srager (Cz), $33,217; 16, Sanchez, $26,148; 17, A Mansdorf (Isr), $24,129; 19, P Doohan (Aus), $23,214; 19, S Denton (US), $22,225; 20, D Rosagno (US), $20,309.

WITA RANKINGS: 1, H Mandlikova (Cz); 2, Z Garrison (US); 3, S Graf (WG); 4, P Shriver (US); 5, M Navratilova (US); 6, H Sukova (Cz); 7, G Linqqvist (Swe); 8, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 9, L Meskel (US); 10, E Smylie (Aus); 11, S Hanika (WG); 12, G Sabatini (Arg); 13, C Evert Lloyd (US); 14, W Turnbull (Aus); 15, M Maleeva (Bul); 16, L Savchenko (USSR); 17, B Potter (US); 18, G Haggers; 19, K Rinaldi (US); 20=, C Benjamin (US) and V Nelson-Dunbar (US).

SCOTTSDALE: Arizona women's championship: First round: A Croft (GB) bt S Sloane (US), 6-3, 6-1; P Medrado (Bra) bt S Leo (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; C Reynolds (US) bt K Kinney (US), 6-4, 6-3; V Nelson-Dunbar (US) bt H Gloh (US), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; C Porrek (WG) bt E Krapl (Switz), 6-1, 7-6; S Wassenaren (Ned) bt A-M Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-4; P Hy (HK) bt J Mundel (SA), 6-2, 6-2; C Sure (Fr) bt W Quwenda (US), 6-3, 6-1; D Spence (US) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-0, 6-1; T Mochizuki (US) bt H Ter-Riet (Neth), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; W Probert (WG) bt S Gates (US), 6-1, 6-1; P Vazquez (Para) bt C Monigaco (Fra), 6-4, 5-7, 7-6; P Barg (US) bt G Mero (Sra), 6-3, 6-3; I Cueto (WG) bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; K Kiel (US) bt A Ingram (US), 6-1, 6-3; J Pozzi (Austria) bt M Prasek (US), 6-2, 6-3.

YACHTING

CANNES: Mid-yearning regattas: Flea class: Second race: 1, S Crowley (GB); 2, S Peez (Neth); 3, Mero (Sp). Third race: 1, Childerley; 2, L Crosey (Fr); 3, M Laschan (Austria). Other British placings: 17, T Tawnor. Flying Dutchman class: 1, M Doreasa/Mannique (Sp); 2, Lilley/Kores (Hungr); 3, Yeoman/Burgin (GB). Other British placings: 14, Henderson/-Bowers; 19, Anthony/Clark. 470 class: Mens: Second race: 1, Mury/Brocard (Fr); 2, Moner/Pinnoll (Fr); 3, Casamary/Cassagne (Fr). Other British placings: 12, Sproul/Tassaso; 15, Teasdale/Calder; 32, Sweary/Tilsc; 40, Atkins/Ellis; 46, Norbury/Fenwick. Third race: 1, Hoast/Bear (EG); 2, Scale/Robert (Fr); 3, Sweary/Tilsc. Other British placings: 4, Sproul/Teasdale; 25, Atkins/Ellis; 29, Feyney-Phelps; 30, Robespn/Gailey; 50, Norbury/-Fenwick. Women: Second race: 1, Wallraengorf/La Fuente (EG); 2, Hardinger/Proppow (EG); 3, De Boerboo/Pomado (Sp). British placings: 9, Shattcock/Campbell; 12, Jones/Jordan; 16, Hardgcock/Rushton; 17, Skoon/Jacklin; 18, Marks/Adams. Third race: 1, Gonzales/Guerra (Sp); 2, La Brun/Bergo (Fr); 3, Hardinger/Proppow. Other British placings: 7, Shattcock/Campbell; 11, Skoe-wJacklin; 13, Jordan/Jordan; 16, Marks/-Adams. Sailing: 1, Crourgnon/Fermpin/Renaldi (Fr); 2, K Hansen/Schlichtkrulle/Petersen (Den); 3, A Ribera (Sp), then Doreasa/Guerra (Sp); 2, Jensen/Mogens (Den); 3, Lopez/Sanguinetos (Sp).

RUGBY UNION

Monday night's result
CLUB MATCH: Pontypool 15, Neath 16.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle



In a different league: young members of Jossy's Giants football team try to match their brawn and brains (BBC1, 5.05pm)

Flight of fancy and bravery

CHOICE

● "Grass roots" is the catch-phrase of the day. Q.E.D (BBC1, 9.35pm) follows the progress of the Voyager project which, although developed at the air base associated with Chuck Yeager and *The Right Stuff*, was a piece of private enterprise financed by selling souvenirs. Last year Voyager broke the record for the world's longest flight, a triumph of individual initiative that the United States gratefully accepted as an antidote to the space shuttle disaster. Luck appears to have played its part. The pilot, Dick Rutan, admits to wondering how Voyager was going to fly, as well he might because in appearance it resembled a floppy model kit designed by a child. He adds that if he stalls he has no means to restart and "that will terminate the mission at that time". Despite bits falling off Voyager and the wings flapping alarmingly, everyone remains technically optimistic. "I think the luck we are needing is taking place," says someone cautiously. Rutan keeps his *sang froid*, slipping up once prior to take-off when he says to the assembled journalists that "There's hardly anything wrong with it". A wing and a prayer, as they say.

● "God is an increasingly viable *grass roots possibility*," we are told in *The Way, The Truth, The Video*, the second in the comedy series **Tickets for the Titanic** (Channel 4, 10pm). Various forces of moral decency combine in an unholy alliance to fight back against permissiveness, a campaign that wobbles when their own corruption comes to light. Peter Firth, as an evangelist preacher in the American multi-corporate style, leads a strong cast. That excellent actor Ian Bannen has the most fun as a corrupt and demented policeman and shows how a good actor can turn an *hors d'oeuvre* of a part into meat and two veg.

● The radio choices are **Keith Jarrett** (Radio 3, 12.30pm) and **Legacy of Empire** (Radio 4, 7.20pm). The former is the first of seven programmes devoted to the compositions and music of this jazz pianist. *Legacy of Empire* is a new series investigating the remnants of the British legacy to its former colonies.

Chris Petit



Clean-up campaigners: Annette Crosbie, Peter Firth and Ian Bannen join forces in Tickets for the Titanic (Ch4, 9pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.

8.40 Watchdog. In the Hot Seat this week is Michael Mackenzie, director-general of the Food and Drink Federation. **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. On National Non-Smoking Day, Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on whether or not smoking should be banned in public places **9.45** Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with news of the new Job Training Scheme.

10.00 News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. With Phillip Schofield. **10.30** Play School. **10.50** The Wombles. (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Leonard Fenton with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Holiday 87. (r) **11.35** Open Air includes news and weather at 12.00

12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from the Plaza Leisure Centre, Exeter. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25** Neighbours. Little Lucy is upset at having to wear glasses. **1.50** Chock-a-Block. (r) **2.05** The Clothes Show presented by Selina Scott and Jeff Banks.

2.30 Film: I Thank You" (1941) starring Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch. Comedy about the attempt by Arthur and Stinker to persuade a lady not to withdraw financial support for their show. Directed by Marcel Varnel.

3.50 Caterpillar Trail. Stuart Bradley visits a city farm and reviews highlights of the last series **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon **4.15** Jackanory. Sarah Greene with part three of The Hundred and One Dalmatians. (r) **4.25** Bananaman. (r) **4.30** Fast Forward. Video fun.

4.55 John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Jossy's Giants. Episode one of a five-part serial about Jossy Blair, a football coach. Starring Jim Barclay. (Ceefax) **5.35** The Raccoons.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. Among the guests tonight are Steve Davis and Barry Hearn.

7.35 The Clothes Show presented by Selina Scott and Jeff Banks. Twelve 15-year-old Gloucestershire schoolboys visit a menswear exhibition and have their hair cut by a leading tonsor; and there is a look at spring swimwear and fashions. The guests are Howard Jones and Hazel O'Connor.

8.00 Dallas. News from California shakes the Southfork residents. (Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.

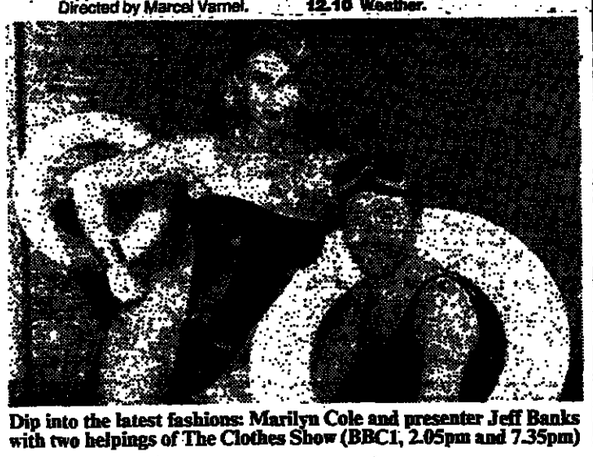
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.

9.05 News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.35 Q.E.D.: The World's Longest Flight. A documentary about the momentous nine-day flight of Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager in Voyager. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Boxing from the Royal Albert Hall; Skating: the World Figure Skating Championships from Cincinnati; Football: highlights of a First Division game.

12.10 Weather.



Dip into the latest fashions: Marilyn Cole and presenter Jeff Banks with two helpings of The Clothes Show (BBC1, 2.05pm and 7.35pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Issues in Education - Who'll Be Mother? Ends **7.20. 9.00** Ceefax.

9.15 Daytime on Two: the campaign to save the Irvine Royal Academy from closure **9.35** Ceefax **10.00** For four- and five-year-olds **10.15** Science - water 'A' **10.38** Recycling **11.00** Words and pictures **11.17** The story of a garden **11.40** Young people using maths at work.

12.02 The second of three programmes on the world of technology and design **12.25** Basic Spanish **12.50** A French boy celebrates his 15th birthday **1.05** Successful businessmen **1.38** Scotland - the heart of the Highlands **2.00** News and weather **2.02** Thinkabout **2.17** Paul Cole takes a three-day train journey from Toronto to Vancouver.

2.35 Sports Afternoon. Football news and the World Figure Skating Championships. Includes news and weather at 3.00

3.50 News, regional news and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong.

4.35 The World of the 30s. The decade when Japan began to feel aggressively-minded.

5.05 My Music. (r)

5.30 Cover to Cover presented by Nicholas Shakespeare. Bernice Rubens's new novel and a biography of 'Rab' Butler are among the books reviewed.

6.00 Film: The Face of Fu Manchu (1965) starring Christopher Lee and Nigel Green. Fu Manchu, the master criminal from the Orient, begins a campaign of world domination by processing a deadly poison from Tibetan poppies. Directed by Don Sharp.

7.35 Take Nobody's Word For It. 'Do-it-Yourself' science programme presented by Carol Mather and Professor Ian Fells. The guests are Bill Coates, the Royal Institution Senior Experimental Officer; and Rosalind Armson from the Open University.

8.00 Whistle Test includes U2 performing two numbers from their latest album.

8.30 Out of Court presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook.

9.00 M*A*S*H. On payday, the medics of the 4077th are tempted by their new-found wealth in a variety of ways. (r)

9.25 Heart of the Country. Episode three of the four-part comedy by Fay Weldon and Natalie lands a job in the local quarry. (Ceefax)

10.25 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.

10.30 Newsnight **11.15** Weather.

11.20 Ludwig van Beethoven. Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 21, Op 49 No 2

11.30 Open University: Maths - Complex Analysis" **11.55** Raising Sons and Daughters. Ends at **12.25**.

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6.15 TV-am introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35**. After Nine includes guest, Edwina Currie; advice on anxiety and depression nutrition; and, at **9.17**, exercises.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Schools: simple mathematical concepts **9.42** A boy comes to terms with the death of a family pet **10.16** How Sheffield's steel industry developed **10.33** Programme three of Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* **11.03** The uses of computers **11.22** Writing messages **11.39** A young teenager is the guide through the French provincial town of Bauge.

12.00 Button Moon. (r) **12.10** Allsorts **12.30** Wish You Were Here..? (r)

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news **1.30** A Country Practice.

2.30 On the Market. Susan Brookes and Mark Gorton with news of the best fresh food buys. The guest cook is Glynn Christian **3.00** Amoebas to Zebras. Wildlife quiz presented by Nigel Rees. With Chris Baines, Kevin Boot, and Pat Morris. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Creepy Crawlies. Paul Nicholas with the story of Manners Maketh Beetle. **4.10** Batfink. (r) **4.20** Sooty, with Matthew Corbett and guest, Anna Quayle **4.45** Y.E.S. Adventures of a group of children who start a Youth Enquiry Service.

5.15 Connections.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart

6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Personal pension options explained by Mike Brown of Company Pensions Information Centre.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 This Is Your Life. Part two of Eamonn Andrews' programme on Dudley Moore, recorded in Hollywood.

7.30 Coronation Street. Bet Lynch is making friendly overtures to her local bank manager. (Oracle)

8.00 Sporting Triangles introduced by Nick Owen. Jimmy Greaves and Tessa Sanderson are joined by Dennis Taylor, Barry McGuigan, Graham Gooch, and Kathy Cook.

8.30 Chance in a Million: For Whom the Bell Tolls. Tom's car is crushed by a horse pulling a trap carrying a bride to church. When the vet arrives the bride decides she prefers the medical man to her fiance and sends Tom to the church to cancel the wedding. But does Tom go to the right church? (r)

9.00 The Equalizer. The freelance trouble-shooter is asked by a daughter to protect her mother from her father who is about to be released from prison. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)

9.55 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Ice Skating. The World Figure Skating Championships from Cincinnati.

11.30 Film: A Cold Night's Death (1973) starring Robert Culp, Eli Wallach, and Michael G Gwynne. A made-for-television drama about three scientists investigating the death of a colleague found frozen to death in a snowbound mountain laboratory. Directed by Jerrold Freedman.

12.55 Night Thoughts.



Banking on success: Bet Lynch (Julie Goodyear) attempts to charm a loan from her bank manager in Coronation Street (ITV, 7.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)

2.30 Ice Skating. The short programme of the men's division of the World Figure Skating Championships in Cincinnati.

4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson continues her series talking to 12 people, now aged 40, who were born during the post-Second World War baby boom.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Michael Dalton, a ledger clerk.

5.00 Chateauvallon. The French language, English subtitles, version of episode seven of the drama serial about the rivalry between two powerful families.

6.00 The Marketing Mix. This penultimate programme in the series on marketing examines how one of the expensive brands of toilet paper has come to dominate the market. (r) (Oracle)

6.30 Dust and Dreams. The final programme of the series features is Everybody Happy? a lighthearted examination of the psyche of 1940s United States and includes, among other items, Charles Atlas tearing up a telephone book; and an extract from another film, Night Club Boom, in which Tommy Dorsey and his band are featured. (Oracle)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.

7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Geraint Howell, leader of the Welsh Liberal Party, and MP for Ceredigion and Pembroke North. Weather.

8.00 Tom Keating on Impressionism. The life and work of Edouard Manet is the subject of tonight's programme. (r)

8.30 Diverse Reports. Christine Chapman argues that the Chancellor should be cutting the punitive income tax rates of the nation's higher paid in order to promote economic growth and to create jobs.

9.00 Down the Line. This month's edition of the magazine programme on Scotland's current affairs includes an examination of the reasons why further ski-ing developments are being postponed.

10.00 Tickets for the Titanic: The Way, the Truth, the Video. Peter Firth, Ian Bannen, and Annette Crosbie star in this black comedy about television evangelism. (see Choice)

11.00 Ask Dr Ruth. The diminutive sexologist talks to American country singer Larry Gatlin.

11.30 Film: Personal and Confidential" (1965) A court room drama about the violent death of a man with a top secret Civil Service file. Directed by Geoffrey Nethercott.

12.00 Sing Out. A programme of gospel music.

12.25 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.40**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Jucie **12.05am-12.10** News and weather SCOTLAND **10.50am-11.00** Dozman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.00-12.05am** Sportscene **12.05-12.10** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND **5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Video Picture Show **12.10am-12.15** News headlines and weather ENGLAND **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: Ulster in Focus: Navan Fort.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardens for All **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** About Anglia **11.30** Roma **12.30am** Lemen Angle, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Face the Press **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **11.30** Show Express **12.00** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Paper Dolls **6.00-6.35** News **11.30** New Avengers **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Paul Cole Show **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Hart to Hart **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **6.35-10.00** Mike Harris Band **11.30** That's Hollywood **12.00** Bliss in Concert **12.30am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **11.30** Interprom Rock Special **12.15am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Human Face of Japan **1.30** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Hart to Hart **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **11.30** Barney Miller **12.00** Short Story Theatre **12.25** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.35** News **11.30** Digance at Work **12.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** News **1.30** Live at One-Thirty **2.00-2.30** Wish You Were Here...? **3.30-4.00** Encounter **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **11.30** Late Call **11.35** Mike Hammer **12.30am** Closedown.

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardens for All **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **11.30** New Avengers **12.30am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Coast to Coast People **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Hart to Hart **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **11.30** That's Hollywood **12.00** Bliss in Concert **12.30am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Getting On **1.20-1.30** News **5.00-5.35** Northern Life **11.30** Comedy Tonight **12.00** Have a Good Lent. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Lunchtime **3.30-4.00** History of the Grand Prix **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25-6.35** Ask Anne **11.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.00** California Highways **12.25am** Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.35** Calendar **11.30** European Detective **12.40am** Jobfinder **1.40** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.45** Interval **12.15pm** Film: Secrets" **1.45** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Figure Skating **4.00** Filalabalam **4.15** Corachod **4.30** Triorongi **5.00** Bladowcar **5.30** Hogan's Heroes" **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Mavis on 4 **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Caryl **8.00** Hel Straeon **8.45** Mae Hi'n Wyllt, Mr Borrow **9.20** Film: Topper **11.10** Max Headroom Show **11.40** Diverse Reports **12.10am** Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Simon Mayo **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes (incl Top 30 Album Chart) **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel
VHF stereo 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am 6.30 7.30 8.30** Sports Desks **6.31am 7.31 8.31 12.02pm 1.05 3.02 4.02 5.05 6.02 6.45** (mf only)
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** Cliff Morgan **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Peter Skellern **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 **8.30** The Folk Bands of Scotland **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Tom Mennard **10.15** Canzabile **10.30** The Golden Years **11.30** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 News desk **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours: News **7.30** Development '87 **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** Hoax **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News: Look Ahead **9.45** Chors of Britain **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** My Word **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** People and Pets **11.25** A Letter From Wales **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Masterpiece in Miniature **12.25** The Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours: News **1.30** Development '87 **2.00** Outlook, opening with News **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Music of Work **3.30** After Henry **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Rock Salad **4.45** The World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from Wales (until 5.15) **6.00** News **6.09** Twenty-Four Hours: News **6.30** Assignment **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Rock Salad **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From Wales **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Good Books **11.30** Multitrack 2 - Top Twenty **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** After Henry **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.45** Book Choice **1.45** Technologies for the 21st Century **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Safety in the Air **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Classical Record Review (until 4.45) **5.45** The World Today All Times GMT.

Radio 3

5.35 Open University (vhf only). Open Forum: University Magazine.
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
8.05 Morning Concert. A. Scarlatti, Sinfonia da concerto grosso No 5, in D minor (William Bennett and Leonore Smith, flute, with I Musici); Copland, arr Bernstein, El salón México (Hames Tocco, piano); Corelli, Violin Sonata, Op 5 No 12 (La follia) (Sigiswald Kuijken, violin, Robert Kohnen, harpsichord, and Wieland Kuijken, cello); Chabrier, Suite pastorale (French National Orchestra under Armin Jordan).
8.00 News
8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Stravinsky, Jeu de cartes (LSO under Claudio Abbado); Mozart, Divertimento in B flat (K 270) (Netherlands Wind Ensemble under Edo de Waart); Strauss, Symphonic Poem: Till Eulenspiegel, Op 28 (Cleveland Orchestra under Lorin Maazel).
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Bruckner. Overture in G minor (LSO under Elyakum Shapirra); Fantasie (first UK broadcast); Erinnerung (Hans Petermandl, piano); Mass in E minor (Croydon Singers and ECO Wind Ensemble).
10.15 Henry Cowell. Hymn and fuguing tune No 10, for oboe and strings (Academy of St Martin-in-the-fields under Sir Neville Marriner); Quartet Euphometric (Emerson String Quartet); Symphony No 4 (Eastman Rochester Orchestra).
10.50 Deakin Piano Trio plays Herbert Sumsion's Piano Trio, and Fauré's Piano Trio in D minor, Op 120.
11.30 Matinée musicale. BBC Concert Orchestra, with Lowri Blake (cello) and Caroline Palmer (piano). Smetna, Overture: The Bartered Bride; Dvorak, Silent woods; Johann Strauss (son), Annen Polka; Bridge, Spring song; melody; Peter Hodgson, Concert piece for light orchestra; Mendelssohn, Variations concertantes; Walton, Prelude and Spitfire Fugue (from the film The First of the Few).
12.30 Keith Jarrett (new series). Ian Carr introduces records of the prodigious American pianist and composer. This week's programme concentrates on his work with the Charles Lloyd Quartet.
1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall, live from Wigmore Hall, with Kathryn Stott (piano). Fauré, Nocturne No 4, in E flat: Ravel, Jeux d'eau; Debussy, Ballade; Fauré, Nocturne No 1, in E flat minor; Liszt, Vallée d'Obermann.
2.00 Scottish National Orchestra, under Sian Edwards, plays Copland's Appalachian Spring, and Prokoviev's A Summer Day.
2.50 Record Review
4.00 Choral Evensong, direct from Lincoln Cathedral.
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice. Méhul, Le chant du départ (Military Ensemble of London); Weber, Sonata No 2, in A flat (Caroline Palmer, piano); Lutyens, Wind Quintet, Op 45 (Leonardo String Quartet); Rossini, Aria: Ho un gran peso sulla testa (The Italian Girl in Algiers); Offenbach, Ballet: Le papillon (LSO under Richard Bonynge).
6.55 News
7.00 Mendelssohn Songs. Third of four programmes. With Maldwyn Davies (tenor) and Iain Legingham (piano).
7.30 Science on 3. Colin Tudge reports from the forefront of science.
8.15 Sounds of Finland. Aare Merikanto's opera, Juha, in three acts, sung in Finnish on record. Act one.
8.55 Six Continents, presented by Angus McDermid.
9.15 Juha (acts 2 and 3) with interval reading at 10.00.
10.45 Brendel, by Brian Gould, read by Edward de Souza.
11.00 Chamber Music from Manchester. Arensky Ensemble plays Dohnanyi's Serenade, Op 10, Gliere's Duets for cellos, and Arensky's Quartet No 2, in A minor, Op 35.
11.57 News

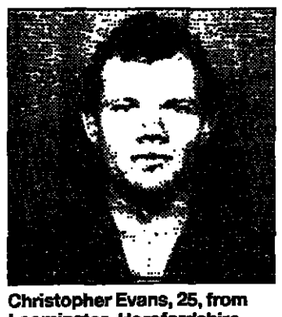
Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves. Includes an interview with Ann Winterton MP (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time, with the Tatton Garden Society, Tatton Park, Cheshire.
10.30 Morning Story. The Gates, by L A G Strong.
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; The Countryside in Winter. An edition of a Countryside programme first broadcast in 1982, as a tribute to its presenter Wynford Vaughan Thomas.
11.48 Enquire Within (new series). Dilly Barlow attempts to answer your questions and queries.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with John Howard.
12.27 Proof, by Dick Francis, dramatized in 8 parts (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One. News
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party.
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Dilly Barlow, includes guest of the week Richard Eyre, director of the National Theatre.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play, The Hamster's Revenge, by Michael Robartes.
3.47 Time for Verse. George MacBeth presents poems about pets.
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4.
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra. Women of Note. Natalie Wheen investigates the lot of women composers, looking at Elizabeth Maconchy, who was turned down for the Mendelssohn scholarship for being a woman, and her daughter who, 40 years later, was not.
5.00 PM. News magzine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News. Financial report.
6.30 Blandings (new series) Summer Lightning, by P G Wodehouse (1)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Legacy of Empire (new series). Nick Clarke finds out how Britain and its culture have left their mark on former colonies.
7.45 The Cross and the Crescent. A history of the Crusades. Malcolm Billings presents the last in his series on the 11th-century Crusades (s).
8.15 Analysis. If the CAP Fits . . . Richard Mayne considers the prospects for reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and their implications for the EEC itself.
9.00 Thirty Minute Theatre. Dear Jams, by Moira Burgess.
9.30 A Sideways Look At . . . Anthony Smith offers his own perspective on the world.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes Tom Phillips at the Sheffield Mappin Gallery and the band Simply Red.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Love Lies Bleeding, by Edmond Crispin (3) (s) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Singing Together (s) **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop **11.40** Reading Corner (s) **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** Looking at Nature: Animals (s) **2.20** Listening and Reading **2.30** Pictures in your Mind **2.40** Real World: Problem Solving and Decision Making **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University. **11.30** Modern Art: Impressionist Exhibition **11.50** Shakespeare's Measure for Measure **12.10** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Biology – Help Yourself **12.30** Blood Sugar Control **12.50** Sex Hormones.

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Europe keep door shut to English for another year

From Clive White, Berne

Europe kept the door firmly locked on England here yesterday when UEFA, the ruling body, voted to continue the suspension of English clubs from European competition at least for another year. All they agreed to do was to review the matter again next year.

Jacques Georges, the French president of UEFA, said that he and the executive committee "took note with interest of steps taken in England by the Football Association and the Football League to combat hooliganism and trouble-makers at matches". But he added: "The majority decision of the committee was that it was necessary to wait another year and see how the situation would develop."

The English delegation of Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, and Philip Carter, the president of the Football League, who waited not without some optimism for the UEFA decision, expressed their "deep disappointment" when it was finally relayed to them by the English press here.

Carter said that what particularly disappointed them was that they had asked the committee specifically where action needed to be taken, but this had not been forthcoming. "We asked them for a lead but they have not given us one," he said.

He continued: "What has happened is that we are out for another year, but still don't

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know what we must achieve to satisfy UEFA. If our expulsion from Europe is a penalty, then they must tell us so." He said they had been given a very fair hearing, lasting one and a half hours, during which questions and answers were exchanged and ideas thrown up.

"We came with a spirit of optimism," Carter said. "We have made dramatic improvements in the past two years with respect to spectator trouble in domestic competitions and we relayed this to the committee." But he and Millichip agreed they could give UEFA no firm assurances about the movement of hooligans abroad.

"They wanted a guarantee but we couldn't give them one. Spectators are not a subject of our jurisdiction," Millichip said. "I will be seeking a meeting with Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister, and will be asking him what the Government can do or not do to help us. It must be well known that all these trouble-makers are a very organized band. We can't stop them and the Government seems powerless to stop them.

"My concern is that the restriction on the right of liberty is a totally unacceptable argument when you are dealing with the sort of people that we are. Only the Government can help us but they say that confiscation of a passport is not the remedy because British visitors' passports can be easily obtained at a post office."

Millichip said that it was of paramount importance that the Government makes an effort to control travel operators and thereby limit the movement of the football hooligan.

Millichip concluded: "Unless we can be given some assistance by the Government in curbing the movement of the travelling hooligan we cannot give UEFA the assurance for which they ask and my view is that we are likely to be in exactly the same position next year as we are right now."



Top gun: Dave 'Boy' McAuley (left), the British flyweight champion, with Eddie Shaw, his trainer, after hearing that he will meet Fidel Bassa, the Colombian world champion, to contest the WBA title in Belfast next month Report, page 33

Pitman forced to admit defeat

By Alan Lee

Jenny Pitman last night confessed that she had lost a year-long battle to restore Burrough Hill Lad to full fitness in time for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Mrs Pitman sadly confirmed that the horse is a definite non-runner for next week's big race, bringing to an end many weeks of speculation and denial.

Burrough Hill Lad won the Gold Cup in 1984 but has now failed to line up for the next three runnings of the race. Despite the agonizing decision to admit defeat, however, Mrs Pitman insists that her troubled champion will be back, quite possibly for the Grand National at Liverpool next month.

Speaking to *The Times* at Warwick, where her son, Mark, had returned from a lengthy absence because of a shoulder injury with a winner, Mrs Pitman said: "I have not decided exactly what I will run at Cheltenham, but I now know I shan't be running Burrough Hill Lad.

"He has not pleased me in his work as much as I would have wished, and even to run in a Gold Cup you have got to be 110 per cent straight. I just can't risk him.

"We have been reviewing the situation every day and took the decision only after a great deal of thought. It has caused me a lot of headaches I can tell you."

Mrs Pitman will still be represented in the Gold Cup by Stearsby, currently second favourite in most ante-post lists, and she is looking further ahead for Burrough Hill Lad, who has won 17 times over fences yet been dogged by leg trouble.

"He is entered in the Irish and Scottish Nationals and could run in either, but I would very much like to take him to Liverpool, where I think he would have a decent chance."

Howe in talks with Southend

Don Howe, the former Arsenal manager, was due to meet officials of Southend United last night with a view to joining the club, currently third in the fourth division, in a part-time coaching capacity. It is felt that Howe's influence could help secure promotion for Southend, who were rocked by the resignation of their manager, David Webb, just over a week ago.

● Billy Hamilton, the former Northern Ireland World Cup forward, plays his last game for Oxford United at the Manor ground tonight in his benefit match against a Northern Ireland XI.

Hamilton made 41 League and cup appearances for Oxford before he was forced to retire from football last October after struggling for 18 months with a knee injury. He is hoping Liverpool will allow John Aldridge, his former team-mate to play alongside him against an Irish side which includes George Best, Pat Jennings, Norman Whiteside, Sammy McIlroy, Dave McCreery, Jim Nicholl and John McClelland.

● Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, has agreed to extend the loan of the Northern Ireland international David Campbell to Notts County for a further two months.

● John Robertson, the 34-year-old former Scotland, Derby and Nottingham Forest winger, has signed for Stamford, of the United Counties Premier League.

● English players serving domestic suspensions will not be considered for future friendly internationals, the FA council announced yesterday. The ruling does not apply to competitive international matches, which are covered by their own disciplinary procedures.

● Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, was expected in Glasgow last night to discuss the future of Partick Thistle, the Scottish first division club. Last summer Bates bought a controlling interest in the club, which is expected to lose £100,000 this season. The sacking last week of the manager, Derek Johnston, has heightened anxiety about the club's future.

● The Football Association has charged John Bond, the Birmingham manager, with bringing the game into disrepute, after he made critical comments about the England manager, Bobby Robson.

● Plymouth yesterday signed Nicky Law, a 25-year-old defender, from Blackpool, for £40,000.

● Wigan, the FA Cup quarter-finalists, have failed in an ambitious bid to bring Doug Rougvie, the Chelsea defender, to Springfield Park on loan.

Chelsea would not agree to Rougvie figuring in a loan deal when their asking price for a permanent transfer, believed to be £120,000, was out of the third division side's reach.

● Manchester City are expecting to clinch a deal with Blackpool for Paul Stewart, a forward, in time for him to make his debut against Chelsea at Maine Road, on Saturday.

Dennis pulls out again

Mark Dennis, who says he never wants to play for Southampton again, pulled out of a reserve match against Queen's Park Rangers at the Dell last night. It was the second time in a week that Dennis had dropped out of a reserve game, although he says he is suffering from a calf muscle injury.

Dennis had a dressing-room row with Chris Nicholl, his manager, two days after Southampton's Littlewoods Cup semi-final first leg against Liverpool on February 11 and has not played for the first team since. Nicholl, who still wants Dennis to stay, said: "He is under contract to play football for us. If he is fit he has got to play."

However, it appears unlikely that the rift between the two will be healed.

Dutch in card deal

The Hague (Reuter) – All professional Dutch football clubs will introduce membership cards from next season to control entry to games where the risk of crowd trouble is high, the Dutch Football Association (KNVB) announced yesterday.

The chairmen of the 18 first division teams agreed on the move in response to a recent upsurge in crowd trouble, culminating in a riot in the match between Den Haag and Ajax Amsterdam here 10 days ago.

Geert Stolk, a KNVB spokesman, said that the 100 per cent membership scheme would enable clubs to keep tight control on all supporters.

Rugby club banned for month

Andover Rugby Club have been banned from playing for a month by the disciplinary committee of the Hampshire RFU.

The unprecedented action followed a touchline incident during the match against Tottonians, a club from Southampton, in January.

Two Andover club members, neither of whom were playing in the match, were suspended as a result of the incident. One of the members, Richard Munnery, who was acting as touch judge, was alleged to have struck one of the opposition's players with his flag.

Officials from the Andover club appeared before the disciplinary committee last night, when the decision was taken to suspend the club's fixture list and all playing activities from March 23 to April 19.

English club may play in Europe

Brussels (Reuter) – English players may appear in a tournament in Belgium next year for the first time since their clubs were banned indefinitely from European competition after the 1985 Heysel Stadium tragedy.

The organisers of a new indoor championship featuring the league champions of the 12 European Community (EC) member states, including Britain, said an English club could be invited to take part.

The tournament is the brainchild of a wealthy Italian businessman, Gerardo Fiorilli, who said yesterday: "I wanted to promote Europe in another way than with dairy prices or farm prices." The Belgian Football Union are expected to give permission to the project.

The Belgian Government extended UEFA's ban on English clubs to all British teams, although they granted permission earlier this year for Scotland to play a European championship qualifing game in Belgium on April 1.

Albert Roosens, secretary-general of the Belgian Football Union, said he had no objections to helping to stage the event as long as the union was not held financially liable. "I want to see whether Fiorilli can come up with a banking guarantee for 100 million francs," he said. "No banking guarantee, no indoor football tournament.

"I think it is too soon to talk about the ban on British teams," he said. "Fiorilli first has to show up with the guarantee before April 15. We'll discuss the ban afterwards." The tournament will be called the Indoor Football European Community Cup and will cost around 100 million Belgian francs ($2.6 million).

Duke backs school sports

By Andrew Longmore

The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday urged schools to devote more time to sport and he put forward a new solution to the problem of declining sport in the schools.

Speaking as President of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, Prince Philip told members at their Annual General Meeting: "Opportunities for sports and recreation in schools, colleges and universities need to be improved and time provided for them in school curricula.

"If this is too much to expect of the teachers", he said, "then perhaps the job should be given to a national physical education service run in conjunction with the governing bodies".

Such a service would help to develop a more coherent policy towards sport in schools and coordinate the coaching activity already being carried out by many of the 240 governing bodies represented by the CCPR.

Referring to the recent Panorama programme which highlighted the declining level of fitness in the schools, he said: "The apparent lack of interest in recreation by some school teachers has caused a significant decline in participation in team games and competitive sports in so many schools.

"If physical recreation is no longer to be considered to be an integral part of the process of education it represents the most radical change in educational philosophy in the last 2,000 years."

The Duke called on the authorities:

● To stop selling off playing fields for development;

● To simplify, reduce or remove altogether the tax and rate burdens from genuine non-profit sports clubs;

● To streamline the whole administrative structure of sport so that resources are spent more efficiently;

● To introduce a special class of cultural or recreational charity for non-profit clubs;

● To encourage local authorities to grant rate relief to sports clubs.

The Duke criticized politicians for their dual attitude to sport,

Corkill's mastery earns an unquestioned title

By Gordon Allan

David Corkill, the bowls player from Belfast, won the CIS British Isles indoor single's championship at Aberdeen yesterday. In a final in which his authority was rarely in question, he beat Roy Cutts, of Ipswich, 21-12.

Corkill, who won the Superbowl in Manchester last autumn, drew with typical precision and built up a 17-8 advantage in fairly rapid time, helped by one count of four.

Cutts came back a little, but the run of play was against him, and in any case, he did not bowl as well as he can. When Corkill is in form, he has few superiors in singles.

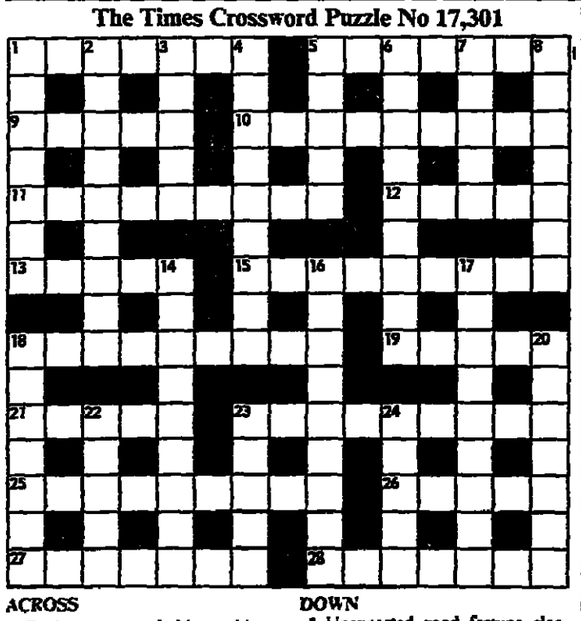
Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, of Cyphers, won the pairs for England, beating Peter Jenkins and Mel Jones, of Merthyr Tydfil, 24-10. Smith and Thomson had ten shots on the board before the Welshmen had even scored.

The triples title went to Ireland. Robin Gray, Marcus Craig and Jim Baker, of County Antrim, were too consistent for Tom O'Hara, Willie Dunlop and Dennis Poole, of Prestwick, and won 21-14.

The international series begins today when England, the holders of the Hilton Trophy since 1983, play Ireland.

RESULTS: Singles: Final: D Corkill (Ire) 21, R Cutts (Eng) 12. Pairs: Final: G Smith and A Thomson (Eng) 24, P Jenkins and M Jones (Wales) 10. Triples: Final: R Gray, M Craig, and J Baker (Ireland) 21, T O'Hara, W Dunlop, and D Poole (Scot) 14.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,301



ACROSS

1 Rock transport holds nothing but is more than half full (7).
5 One of the precursors of royalty in conversation with a walrus (7).
9 Stern Athenian gives nothing to Jack, say, on return (5).
10 How to foil the rougher-sounding opponent (9).
11 Suffering torture under cane (9).
12 Very drunk with no head for a game of chance (5).
13 Many a back-door character of endless mystery (5).
15 One's in order eating here, with Smith in the priest's house (9).
18 Stop cooking mice in sage (9).
19 Surrender some interest for example (5).
21 Getting firsts in all college contests ranks as capital (5).
23 Rival has deep trouble but won the day (9).
25 Immovable catkin? Heavens above! (9).
26 Bath victim of G J Smith could get well in a house of correction (5).
27 Played the part of a legislator? (7).
28 Ideal type of quiet old Spanish kingdom (7).

DOWN

1 Unexpected good fortune closing the Ring Cycle (7).
2 Othello turns up under the table – hence direction to company (9).
3 Scent of a European flower, say? (5).
4 Villain corrected by uncle's rod (9).
5 Many on this island giving us building material (5).
6 "God for Harry! England and Saint George" for instance at Harfleur (6-3).
7 One who reached man's estate in this year of grace? Last month (5).
8 You sound far from genuine though the sound is pleasing (7).
14 One making a statement for Tennyson's lady in the depression (9).
16 Extremity of a print-supplier (9).
17 Superficial way Belloc's Matilda got into trouble (9).
18 Pinch a bit (7).
20 Resentment when unexploded shell has gone astray (7).
22 Papal court is somewhat mercurial (5).
23 Copper to go ahead and submit legal argument (5).
24 Always a caution this girl of many amours (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,300



WEATHER

A cold easterly airstream will persist. Most parts will have a dry, cold day with some sunny spells. E parts of Scotland will be rather cloudy at times with perhaps a few snow showers. The extreme SW of England and western parts of Northern Ireland will be rather cloudy with occasional rain. Frost will be widespread early and late in the day. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: continuing cold with some snow showers in the S and E. More general rain or sleet will reach NW Scotland and Northern Ireland late on Friday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, Sun; sh, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	12	54	Madrid	f	16	61
Alicante	f	13	55	Majorca	c	14	57
Alex'dria	c	14	57	Malaga	s	23	73
Algiers	c	17	63	Malta	r	8	46
Amst'dam	s	4	39	Melb'rne	f	17	63
Athens	s	6	43	Mexico C*	s	21	70
Barcelna	f	11	52	Miami*	c	25	77
Belgrade	s	-4	25	Milan	s	3	37
Berlin	s	1	34	Montreal*	s	-10	14
Bermuda*	c	19	66	Moscow	s	-3	27
Biarritz	c	13	55	Munich	s	-1	30
Borde'x	c	13	55	Nairobi	f	25	77
Brussels	s	4	39	Naples	f	5	41
Budapst	sn	-1	30	N Delhi	s	28	79
B Aires*	f	20	68	N York*	f	13	55
Cairo	f	15	61	Nice	s	11	52
Cape Tn	c	24	75	Oslo	s	-4	25
C'blanca	s	19	66	Paris	s	5	41
Chicago*	c	-3	27	Perth	s	31	88
Chi'church	c	15	59	Prague	f	-1	30
Cologne	s	5	41	Reykjvik	f	7	45
C'hagn	s	0	32	Rhodes	f	9	48
Corfu	c	4	39	Rio de J	c	28	82
Dublin	f	5	41	Riyadh	s	29	84
Dubrovnik	s	2	36	Rome	s	8	46
Faro	f	18	64	Salzburg	s	1	34
Florence	s	8	46	Santiago*	f	29	84
Frankfurt	s	3	37	S Paulo*	f	21	70
Funchal	s	13	55	Seoul	r	6	43
Geneva	c	0	32	Sing'por	f	31	88
Gibraltar	s	19	66	St'kholm	s	0	32
Helsinki	c	-1	30	Stresb'rg	s	3	37
Hong K	c	26	79	Sydney	c	20	68
Innsbruck	s	1	34	Tangier	s	18	64
Istanbul	sn	1	34	Tel Aviv	c	13	55
Jeddah	s	29	84	Tenerife	s	28	79
Jo'burg*	th	24	75	Tokyo	s	9	48
Karachi	f	26	79	Toronto*	s	-6	21
L Palmas	s	25	77	Tunis	f	12	54
Le Toquet	f	5	41	Valencia	c	13	55
Lisbon	c	16	61	Venice	s	4	39
Locarno	c	4	39	Vienna	sn	3	37
L Angels*	f	15	61	Warsaw	s	-3	27
Luxembg	s	2	36	Wash'tonn*	c	14	57
				Wel'ngtn	f	18	64
				Zurich	s	-1	30

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun Rain		Max	
	hrs	in	C	F
Scarboro	*			
Bridlington	-	-	1	34 cloudy
Cromer	-	-	3	37 bright
Lowestoft	5.5	-	3	37 bright
Clacton	4.4	-	4	39 sunny
Southend	6.0	-	3	37 bright
Margate	-	-	4	39 sunny
Folkestone	9.4	-	5	41 sunny
Hastings	8.8	-	5	41 sunny
Eastbourne	8.6	-	4	39 sunny
Brighton	9.4	-	6	43 sunny
Worthing	9.1	-	7	45 sunny
Littlehmptn	9.2	-	6	46 sunny
Bognor R	9.2	-	7	45 sunny
Southsea	9.5	-	7	45 sunny
Sandown	*			
Shanklin	7.4	-	5	41 sunny
Bournemth	8.2	-	7	45 sunny
Poole	8.2	-	6	46 sunny
Swanage	8.4	-	5	41 sunny
Weymouth	7.8	-	7	45 sunny
Exmouth	1.2	-	6	43 bright
Teignmouth	0.5	-	6	43 cloudy
Torquay	1.2	-	7	45 bright
Falmouth	-	-	7	45 cloudy
Penzance	-	-	7	45 gale
Scilly Isles	-	.02	7	45 drizzle
Jersey	5.0	-	8	46 sunny
Guernsey	3.4	-	8	46 sunny
Newquay	-	-	7	45 cloudy
Ilfracombe	*	-	6	43 sunny
Minehead	7.2	-	7	45 sunny
B'pool Arpt	6.3	-	4	39 sunny
Morecambe	3.7	-	2	36 bright
Douglas	-	-	2	36 drizzly
B'barn Airpt	1.5	-	2	36 cloudy
Bristol (Clft)	6.1	-	5	41 sunny
Carlisle	7.8	-	4	39 sunny
London	6.2	-	5	41 sunny
Manchester	3.2	-	3	37 bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	-	-	2	36 dull
Nottingham	0.8	-	2	36 bright
Anglesey	8.7	-	7	45 sunny
Cardiff (Clft)	6.6	-	4	39 sunny
Colwyn Bay	*	-	4	39 bright
Tenby	7.8	-	6	43 sunny
Aberdeen	-	-	3	37 sleet
Edinburgh	-	-	3	37 snow
Eskdalemuir	0.8	-	1	34 snow
Glasgow	0.9	-	4	39 cloudy
Kintyre	2.4	-	6	43 bright
Lerwick	-	.05	3	37 sleet
Prestwick	4.5	-	5	41 bright
Stornoway	5.8	-	6	43 sunny
Tiree	0.4	-	5	41 cloudy
Wick	-	-	4	39 cloudy
Belfast	0.7	-	3	37 cloudy

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Avonmouth	4.21	9.5	4.58	9.9
Belfast	8.29	2.9	9.10	2.8
Cardiff	4.06	8.9	4.43	9.3
Devonport	2.46	4.3	3.28	4.2
Dover	8.46	5.1	9.04	5.4
Falmouth	2.16	4.1	2.58	4.0
Glasgow	9.49	4.1	11.15	4.0
Harwich	9.25	3.1	9.42	3.1
Holyhead	8.09	4.5	8.39	4.5
Hull	3.46	5.4	4.00	5.6
Ilfracombe	3.22	6.7	3.56	7.0
Leith	–	–	12.23	4.4
Liverpool	8.50	7.3	9.19	7.5
Lowestoft	7.37	2.0	7.14	2.0
Margate	9.38	3.8	9.45	3.9
Milford Haven	3.45	5.2	4.14	5.3
Newquay	2.41	5.3	3.08	5.4
Oban	3.56	3.1	4.13	3.1
Penzance	1.54	4.3	2.33	4.2
Portland	3.37	1.4	4.50	1.3
Portsmouth	8.54	3.6	9.17	3.8
Shoreham	8.39	4.6	9.17	5.0
Southampton	8.22	3.6	9.10	3.7
Swansea	3.32	7.0	4.10	7.2
Tees	1.10	4.1	1.26	4.4
W'hpo-on-Nze	9.21	3.3	9.38	3.3

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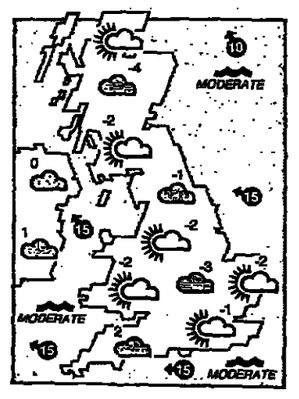
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Austria Sch	21.45	20.35
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Canada $	2.19	2.09
Denmark Kr	11.47	10.87
Finland Mk	7.62	7.12
France Fr	10.12	9.62
Germany Dm	3.06	2.90
Greece Dr	221	207
Hong Kong $	12.70	12.10
Ireland Pt	1.148	1.086
Italy Lira	2175	2055
Japan Yen	256	242
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.27
Norway Kr	11.58	10.98
Portugal Esc	229	219
South Africa Rd	4.39	3.60
Spain Pta	211.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	10.65	10.10
Switzerland Fr	2.555	2.435
USA $	1.565	1.575
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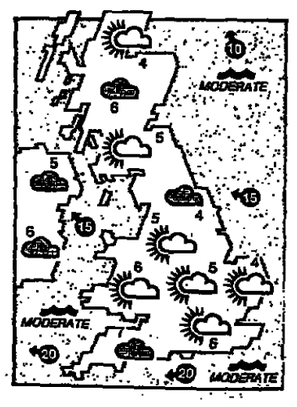
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.27 pm to 5.53 am
Bristol 6.37 pm to 6.03 am
Edinburgh 6.37 pm to 6.06 am
Manchester 6.35 pm to 6.02 am
Penzance 6.50 pm to 6.14 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 8C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am,1C (34F) Humidity: 6 pm, 74 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.8hrs Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,026.2 millibars, rising 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

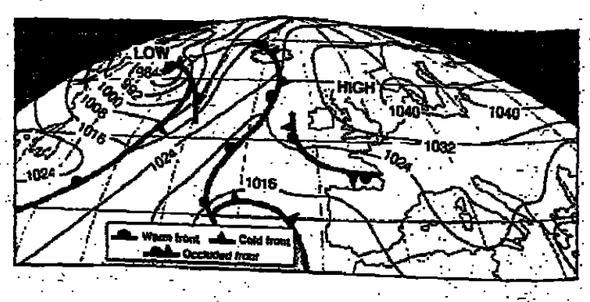
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	4	39	Guernsey	s	6	43
B'mingham	f	1	34	Inverness	s	4	39
Blackpool	f	4	39	Jersey	s	6	43
Bristol	s	4	39	London	s	6	43
Cardiff	s	3	37	M'chester	s	4	39
Edinburgh	f	4	39	Newcastle	c	3	37
Glasgow	f	4	39	R'nkleway	c	3	37

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 8C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am,0C (32F) Rain: nil24hr to 6 pm, Sun: 24 hr to 8 pm, 8.6hrs.

Sun rises: 6.25 am
Sun sets: 5.57 pm
Moon sets 5.25 am
Moon rises 1.05 pm
Full Moon March 15

NOON TODAY



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Spring is in the air, and the housing offensive warms up

The opening of the *Daily Mail* Ideal Home Exhibition yesterday, coinciding with the launch of a "new homes fortnight" by the New Homes Marketing Board, heralds the beginning of the spring housing offensive when many people's fancy turns to talk not only of love but of moving house.

The New Homes Marketing Board, an offshoot of the House-Builders' Federation, argues the virtues of a new house — no chain to break down, a wide variety of styles as builders seek to respond to modern demands — and, in its publicity material, looks at the psychology of the individual who buys a house.

Traditional materials such as brick and flint are apparently the key to those who favour quiet elegance; modern red brick in the suburbs is for the lively, daring and ambitious; mock Tudor is for those who are ambitious, successful, neighbourly and enjoy taking part in their local community. Inner-city developments such as an unusual dock-side house set in a modern façade of brick is for the open-minded, zestful, outgoing and original, who get rapidly bored by the humdrum or the traditional. And there is a builder for every one of these styles waiting for the customer (NHMB, 82, New Cavendish Street, London W1M 8AD).

One of the most successful builders is Wimpey, which is showing three homes at the Ideal Home Exhibition, and which succeeded in attracting John Patten, the Housing Minister, to open them. Praising private builders, he said that last year had been the best year since 1973, with 158,500 homes completed in the private sector. He added: "This year is going to be a considerably improved year, even

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on 1986. I think we are going to have a record year in the building construction industry."

He saw the opportunity for purpose-built housing for young people in the specialized market. "It is not just yuppies who are buying homes. A lot of young people are suffering a degrading scramble for reasonably priced accommodation." One solution would be purpose-built blocks of flats to rent, he suggested. Wimpey has promised support, but told him that there must be all-party backing for such a development, so that investors would have security and the ability to charge reasonable rents whatever government was in power.

Wimpey Homes was Britain's biggest house-builder in 1986 (excluding the self-build industry) with 10,712 completed sales and a price range on 300 developments from £15,000 for inner-city refurbishments to £425,000 for luxury executive homes.

On show at the exhibition is an executive home, a purpose-built flat for the elderly and a time-share lodge, built in the Cornish Delabold stone and natural slate of its outdoor version at St Mellion in Cornwall.

The other show homes, exact in detail save for foundations and plumbing and with reinforced upper floors to take the battering of one million pairs of feet, include an ASPP/Calor home, available in kit form and emphasizing energy efficiency (ASPP Ltd, 45, Station Road, Redhill, Surrey); a timber-framed home with an integrated "granny flat" by Valhall Homes (Camron Public Relations, 7, Floral Street, London WC2); and a re-creation of a Georgian rectory by Potton Timber Engineering (The Old Foundry, Willow Road, Potton, near Sandy, Bedfordshire).



Award winner: a four-bedroom house in the Cotswolds, for sale at £85,950

Finally, from Mark Fitzpatrick come two "affordable homes", a tempting description for buildings which are claimed to have lower-than-average build costs. The houses are extendible — they start with two bedrooms, but can have a garage and extra bedroom added, and that unit could be further modified into a "granny flat" — on the grounds that it more economic to extend a house than to move (Fairlie House, Dalmeny Road, Tufnell Park, London N7).

There is no single trend discernible in the new houses. There is increasing emphasis on energy conservation and on security with anti-burglar devices. Luxury bathrooms, some with whirlpool baths, and fitted kitchens are almost taken for granted now. In general, however, house-builders are increasingly flexible in their house designs, providing a wide variety of styles, in order to be able to meet any reasonable demand. Buyers of new homes want something that looks good, which is why builders apply themselves to "kerb appeal", and something a little different from their neighbours on a development.

As the shortage of land and the arguments of the conservationists increase their sensivity to environmental considerations, builders are also paying more attention to blending developments into their location, and landscaping to make use of existing features. Ron Norman, a Durham-based builder, explains: "I try to add to the environment already there — where there is a wood I plant more trees, where there is a stream or pond I use it in the design of the development. It is usually possible to tailor plans around local wildlife or established and irreplaceable natural features."

Designer Homes, of Swindon, Wiltshire, recently won an award for its development at Draycott in the Cotswolds, partly because of sensitive design and partly because of careful landscaping, which included a birdhaven to encourage and protect local bird life. It is an example of the house-builder taking great trouble to avoid the accusation of putting up little boxes in unspoilt countryside.

There is still the little matter of land for building, and Nelson Oliver, chairman of Wimpey Homes, could not resist mentioning it in Mr Patten's presence at the exhibition. Referring to the recent controversy over land use in rural and semi-rural areas, he said: "The prime barrier to meeting the huge demand for new homes is the shortage of land for residential use." Mr Patten did not entirely agree. He replied that his civil servants had told him that there was enough land with planning consent to maintain supply for the next five years.

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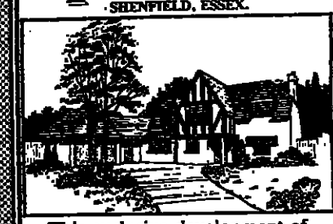
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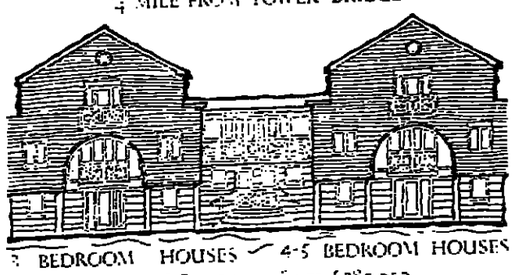
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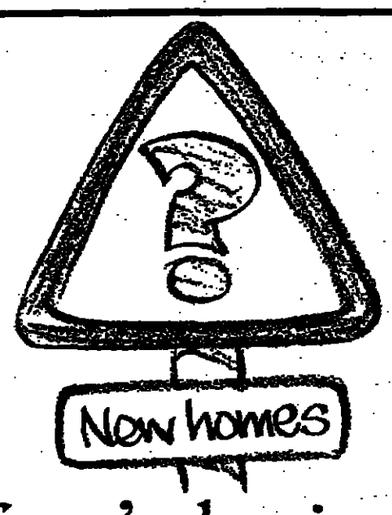
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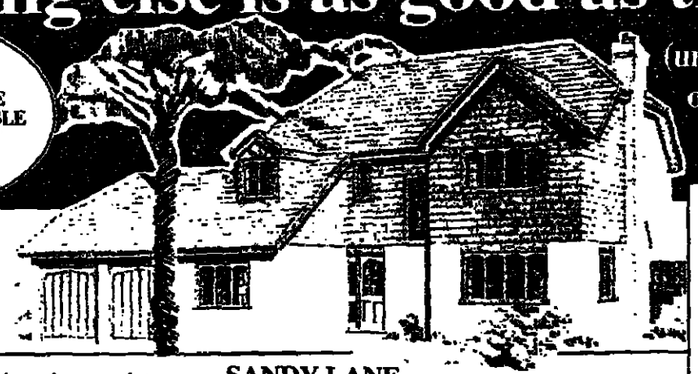
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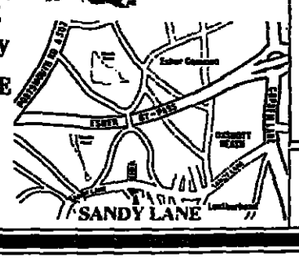


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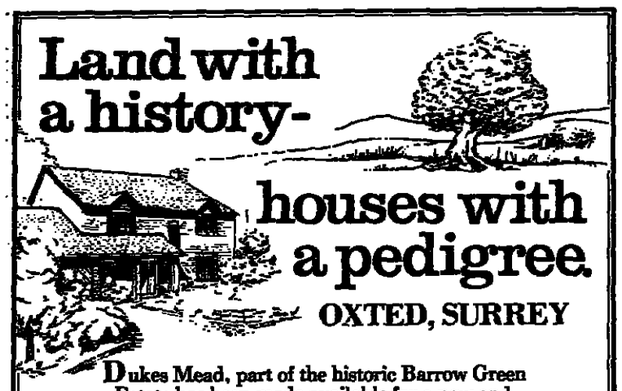
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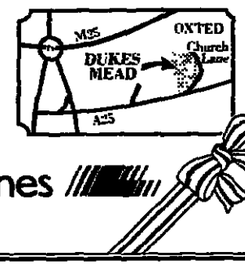
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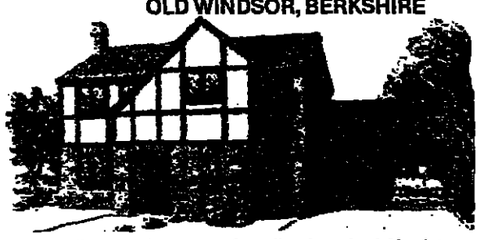
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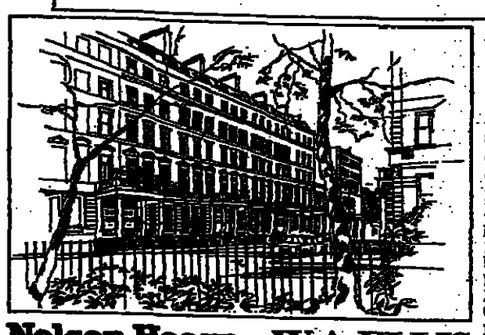
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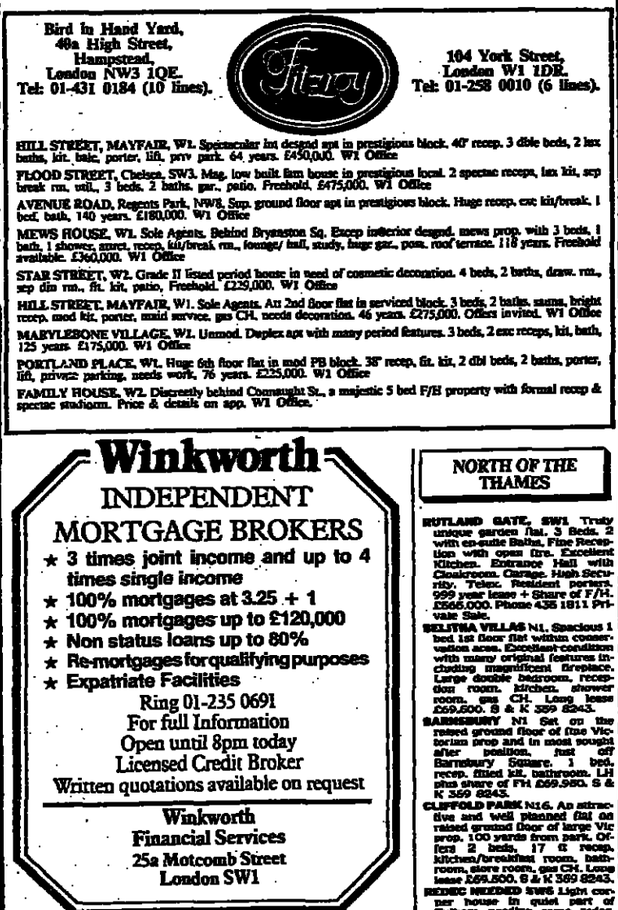
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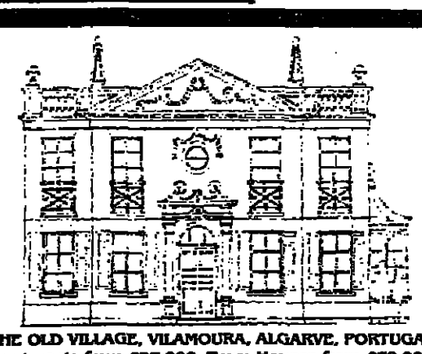
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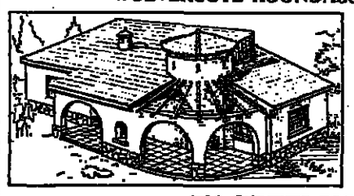
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The architects, Probuild Associates, found that the substantial brick building with its slate roof needed only minimal changes to the exterior, and inside many of the main timbers remain exposed. *The house, set in about an acre, now* has three reception rooms, four bedrooms, three bathrooms and planning permission for an extension to the living-room. It is for sale through Lane Fox, of London, and Dreweatts, of Newbury, at £220,000 plus.

■ A cottage in Rosemary Lane, Mortlake, south-west London, which was built as an almshouse during William IV's reign, has been modernized to provide a drawing-room, kitchen/dining-room and two bedrooms. John H. James and Tufnells want £105,000 for the 116-year lease.

Cotswold charm

■ The sale of Walnut Tree Cottage, Swan Lane, Burford, Oxfordshire, provides a chance to buy a property within one of the most unspoilt and charming Cotswold towns with its stone and timber-framed houses, many of them medieval. The cottage, close to *the High Street,* was *enlarged and* improved five years ago, in keeping with its traditional origins, but it has potential for further improvement. It has a galleried hall, drawing-room, dining-room, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The rear garden has a terrace of old York stone London paving slabs. Hampton and Sons' Burford office is asking £176,000.

■ *Elizabeth Street in Belgravia,* London, has a new "Georgian" building developed by the Grosvenor Estate and designed to match adjoining façades. The building now provides three two-bedroom flats each extending across the width of two former buildings. On the ground level there are two shops, one of which has been let to a fruiterer. The agents, George *Trollope and Sons, are asking from* £175,000 to £200,000 for 80-year leases.

Berkshire beauty

■ The Dower House at Sonning-on-Thames, Berkshire, reputedly built in 1536 on the instructions of the *Steward and Receiver of the Lordship of* Sonning for his wife, Anne Barker, is for sale through Cluttons, who are asking around £600,000 for the freehold. Since the 16th century, the house has *been altered and extended, and* includes a façade added in the early 18th century. Many of the rooms contain fine panelling and exposed ceiling beams, and the entrance hall has a tesselated *floor and inglenook fireplace. There are* four reception rooms, seven bedrooms, and it could be divided into a family house with a nursery suite and ground-floor annexe. The Elizabethan *walled garden contains a heated* swimming pool.



Middle Court at Hampton Court in Surrey is close to the palace grounds and overlooks Bushy Park. It was originally two cottages and during the reign of Charles II was used as a smithy. It was converted to its present form around 1800 and has been extended since. The colour-washed house has fine sash windows and two roofgardens with pleasing views. Lying within a conservation area, the house is designated as of "townscape merit" and has a drawing-room, morning-room, big study, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. At the rear is a paved court-yard with a greenhouse and a vine cutting from the great vine at the palace. Humberts is asking £320,000

Care for a rich resource

The new survey of historic buildings in England is now approaching completion. English Heritage estimates that by the end of the year there are likely to be more than 500,000 listed buildings.

English Heritage, set up by the government less than three years ago to *take over responsibility for the buildings,* is warning local authorities of the impact of the increased numbers of protected buildings in their areas. It points out in its conservation bulletin that they can be considered a finite cultural resource, to be cherished, enjoyed and preserved for the future.

"However, they cannot all be museum pieces and if left unused, they can quickly fall into neglect and decay". About four listed buildings are demolished each week because they have no "reasonable beneficial use", it says, but many more stand idle for want of positive action. "They are buildings at *risk.*"

Surveys have suggested that of the half million listed buildings, more than 46,000 will already be under threat from redundancy, dilapidation and lack of care. In 1981, Lord Montagu, now chairman of the Historic Buildings and *Monuments Commission for England,* produced a report calling for policies and projects for the re-use of the nation's building stock, and since 1971, when the Civic Trust first called for action, local initiatives have led to the compilation of "risk registers".

These are the *beginnings of a welfare* census for listed buildings which could enable local authorities with limited grant budgets and shortage of skilled manpower to select the buildings on which to concentrate attention.

Since information on this may vary, a unit within English Heritage has been investigating ways of building up consistent *national statistics* and co-ordinating local efforts. In one of the pilot schemes, the body is co-operating with Kirklees Historic Buildings Preservation Trust and Kirklees District Council in a project, funded by the Manpower Services Commission, to visit and assess 3,000 *listed buildings around Huddersfield.* The survey has shown that previously the scope of the problem — which covers not only the mills left from the collapse of the textile industry but the grand Victorian commercial centres — was ill-defined.

The information ends up on English Heritage's computer, from which a list of the buildings *at risk can be identified.* Two examples are the redundant St George's Hall, Liverpool, one of the finest neo-classical buildings in Europe, which is now the subject of efforts to find a solution, and the medieval Stank Hall Barn, near Leeds, where a number of grants from Heritage and elsewhere helped to persuade the council to look at *it as a resource rather than a liability.* It may now be used as the focus for a heritage trail.

"Not all historic buildings can be saved. By identifying buildings at risk, however, and analysing their problems we can work towards their preservation in a positive, dynamic way," a report in the bulletin concludes.

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